

Queen's final journey begins

- » Crowds line roadsides in tribute to Elizabeth II, as her coffin travels from Balmoral home in the Highlands to Edinburgh - where 10,000 gather on Royal Mile
- » Today, the King and senior royals will lead the procession to St Giles' Cathedral
- » Queen will lie in rest there for 24 hours - then lie in state in Westminster Hall from Wednesday until Sunday - allowing the public to pay their respects
- » Charles III begins his first visit as monarch to all four nations of the UK

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PROCESSION

Nation begins its goodbyes as Queen leaves Balmoral

Elizabeth II was driven south for her resting-in-state in Edinburgh. By **Connie Dimsdale** and **Cahal Milmo**

The Queen's coffin arrived in Edinburgh yesterday after thousands gathered by roadsides to pay their respects as the first leg was completed of the journey from Balmoral Castle to London ahead of next week's funeral.

The Duke of York and the Duke and Duchess of Wessex received the oak coffin as it reached the Palace of Holyroodhouse, draped with the Royal Standard for Scotland and topped with a wreath made from the Queen's favourite flowers.

The Princess Royal, who had accompanied her mother's coffin from Balmoral, curtsied deeply as the casket was brought into the monarch's official Edinburgh residence.

The procession was the culmination of a day in which thousands – from the Royal Mile in the Scottish capital to the main street of the village nearest to the Balmoral estate – stood by country lanes, city streets and dual carriageways to bid farewell to the 96-year-old monarch.

Her coffin is due to be taken to St Giles' Cathedral on the Royal Mile in a procession this afternoon, after which members of the public will be able to pay their respects for 24 hours.

Balmoral staff were able to say their final goodbyes to the Queen's coffin yesterday, with a palace official describing the scene as one of "quiet dignity".

Six of the estate's gamekeepers then carried the coffin to the hearse, which was waiting at the entrance of the residence.

The Balmoral Castle gates were opened shortly before 10am, allowing the seven-vehicle cortege to leave as the death of the Queen was made real for millions with the first glimpse of the heavy oak coffin – identical to the one made for her late husband, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

Scotland's First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, described it as "a sad and poignant moment" as the Queen left "her beloved Balmoral" for the last time. Ms Sturgeon wrote on Twitter: "Today, as she makes her journey to Edinburgh, Scotland will pay tribute to an extraordinary woman."

The convoy was greeted by hundreds of well-wishers in the

village of Ballater who lined the streets to pay their final respects.

Local minister, the Rev David Barr spoke of "overwhelming emotion" as the community thought of the Windsors "like neighbours".

Elizabeth Taylor, who travelled from Aberdeen to watch the cortège pass through Ballater, said: "It was very emotional."

"It was respectful and showed what they think of the Queen."

Aerial footage showed Aberdeenshire farmers paying tribute to the Queen by parking their tractors in a line along the route to mimic a guard of honour.

The Archbishop of Canterbury told the Sunday congregation at Canterbury Cathedral that the Queen had taught people more about "God and grace" than any other contemporary figure.

The Most Rev Justin Welby (*inset*) added: "We remember her not for what she had, but for what she gave. What a precious blessing."

As the convoy made its way south from Balmoral – a single police motorcycle outrider leading the way – proclamation ceremonies were being held in the UK capitals and across the Commonwealth countries to mark the accession of King Charles III.

The King could be seen waving at cheering crowds as his car drove the Mall at lunchtime to Buckingham Palace, where he met Commonwealth general

secretary Patricia Scotland and representatives of the Commonwealth nations.

Separately, the new Prince of Wales spoke to Wales's First Minister, Mark Drakeford, vowing to serve the Welsh people with "humility and great respect" along with his wife, who becomes the first person to use the title Princess of Wales since Diana.

A statement from Kensington Palace said the Prince and Princess have "deep affection" for Wales, having lived in Anglesey during the earliest months in the life of their eldest son, Prince George, and said they will "seek to live up to the proud contribution that members of the Royal Family have made in years past".

Officials warned that those waiting to view the Queen's coffin in Edinburgh face long waits, with the public both in Scotland and then later this week in London expected to turn up in vast numbers to say their farewells.

The procession through the Scottish Highlands to Edinburgh will be followed tomorrow with the transfer of the Queen's body to London by RAF aircraft.

After being taken to Buckingham Palace, her coffin will lie in state at Westminster Hall for four days, allowing the public the chance to pay their respects.

Her final resting place will be St George's Chapel in Windsor, where the coffin will be taken after the state funeral on Monday at Westminster Abbey.

Royal procession The Queen's journey to London

Today A procession attended by the King and members of the Royal Family will be formed at the forecourt of the Palace of Holyroodhouse, before the coffin is taken to St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh.

The Queen's coffin will lie at rest for a day in St Giles' Cathedral, guarded by vigils from The Royal Company of Archers.

Tomorrow The Queen's coffin, accompanied by the Princess Royal, will be transported by Royal Air Force aircraft from Edinburgh Airport to RAF Northolt.

After arriving in London tomorrow evening, the coffin will then be taken to Buckingham

Palace by road, where it will remain overnight.

Wednesday The main funeral procession on Wednesday 14 September will set off from Buckingham Palace, as a gun carriage of the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery carries the coffin through central London to Westminster Hall in the Palace of Westminster.

Members of the Royal Family will follow the coffin, led by King Charles, as it makes its way up the Mall, through Horse Guards Arch and down Whitehall to the Palace of Westminster, where the Queen will lie in state in Westminster Hall.

The public will be able pay their respects in Westminster Hall.





The Royal Mile in Edinburgh (main and right) was packed as the hearse passed by. Meanwhile floral tributes were being left at Buckingham Palace (left)

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CEREMONY

Queen's lying-in-state to have tight security and overnight queues

By Hugo Gye
POLITICAL EDITOR

Members of the public will be able to view the Queen's coffin and pay their respects 24 hours a day as she lies in state at Westminster Hall.

Elizabeth II's coffin will be transported from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster on Wednesday afternoon, a day after it arrives in London from Scotland.

The procession route will go via The Mall, Horse Guards, Whitehall and Parliament Square before finishing at Westminster Hall, where the lying-in-state will begin at 5pm on Wednesday.

The public will be able to view the coffin from that point until 6.30am on Monday next week, the day of the state funeral. Access will be granted on a first-come-first-served basis via a queue, with each individual having only a few seconds in front of the Queen.

The Department for Culture, which is overseeing the ceremony, warned that the public "will be required to queue for many hours, possibly overnight". The queue will be moving continuously so it may not be possible to sit down at any point.

All those attending will have to go through airport-style security in order to enter the parliamentary es-

tate, and can only take in small bags. The Queen's coffin will be placed on a catafalque, a raised platform, and will have the monarch's orb and sceptre placed on top. It will be guarded by members of the military.

The last time Westminster Hall hosted a lying-in-state ceremony was in 2002, when 200,000 people visited Parliament to pay their respects to the Queen Mother.

Before that, in 1965, Sir Winston Churchill was granted a similar farewell, making him one of a small number of non-royals who have ever had the honour of lying in state bestowed upon them.

Westminster Hall is the oldest part of the Houses of Parliament, and was one of the only areas of the Palace of Westminster which did not burn down in 1834.

As well as lying-in-state events, the Hall is used to host addresses by visiting dignitaries to the Commons and the Lords. The four most recent leaders to have done this are Aung San Suu Kyi, Barack Obama, Pope Benedict XVI – and the late Queen herself, who gave a speech in 2012 to mark her Diamond Jubilee.

Westminster Hall is also where the new King will today hear addresses from the Speakers of the two houses, and deliver a response to MPs and peers.

Letter from
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*This will be
a week of
unprecedented
public tribute*

As the Queen begins her final journey, the fact of her death becomes very real. It is the awful finality that confronts each of us when we attend a funeral.

Elizabeth II is now on her slow procession from Balmoral to Windsor – via Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, Edinburgh and Westminster.

This will be a week like no others in our lives. Yesterday's roadside crowds hint at what is to come – on a scale that far surpasses previous displays of public grief in this country, including at the 1997 funeral for Princess Diana.

Today the Queen will lie in rest overnight at St Giles' Cathedral, allowing the public in her beloved Scotland to pay their respects. Then, after she takes her final flight from Scotland to London, and spends tomorrow night at Buckingham Palace, Wednesday will bring a public procession from

the Palace to Westminster, with crowds expected along the Mall.

Then, hundreds of thousands of people are expected to queue to see her closed coffin in Westminster Hall, as she lies in state for four full days, from Thursday to Sunday. Details will be released soon.

This unprecedented public tribute is part-gratitude, for 70 years of service and leadership. People also want to witness history – and to be part of history themselves.

Amid such epochal change, seeing the machinery of state move quickly and smoothly into gear has been reassuring. That we may no longer take it for granted says much about recent national traumas and upheavals, as well as the variable quality of government.

In our monarchy, real power lies with the individual rather than the institution. That was the Queen's brilliant achievement – as well as the challenge for her successor.

During seven volatile decades she was a constant, the human thread that took us from the defiance of Blitz Britain to her reassurance during a pandemic. Charles III's task is to help the UK find its way through an uncertain future.

First, though, Britain's tribute to a loved monarch.

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SCOTLAND

A hush fell across the crowd, then

Many mourners made a special trip to Edinburgh yesterday to say goodbye to their Queen, lining the route in their thousands. By **Chris Green**

Clad respectfully in a black tie and tweed jacket, Brett Fletcher stands near the foot of the Royal Mile, overlooking the Palace of Holyroodhouse, waiting for the Queen.

He has travelled from his home near Kirkcaldy in Fife across the Firth of Forth to Edinburgh, arriving more than five hours early hoping to secure a good view.

"My father and my grandfather and other members of the family served in the forces, so the Queen has always had a certain place in our family," he says.

"Growing up I remember there was a portrait of the Queen on the side, so we've always had that connection with her."

"She's been a constant figurehead since before I was born. She's always been there. The news came so suddenly, it was a shock to think she'll no longer be there."

He recently caught Covid for the first time and has only just recovered, this trip marking the first time he has left the house since being given the all-clear.

Like many of the thousands of people who turned out across Edinburgh to see the Queen return to her official Scottish residence for the final time, he has only seen her once before, when she opened a library near his office in Sheffield in 2010.

"All the little things that we're going to have to change are going to have quite an impact on the country without people realising it. It's been quite emotional," he adds.

"When they changed it from 'God Save the Queen' to 'God Save the King', that really did hit home for certain members of my family."

The Royal Mile, the ancient thoroughfare of Edinburgh's Old Town, runs down from the Castle at its summit to the Palace at its foot.

The crowds that usually line the street are made up of tourists watching festival performers

juggling or breathing fire at the Fringe each August, or are struggling breathlessly up the hill for a tour of the Castle, rather than marking the passing of a Queen.

Yesterday the crowd was as varied as the many people she served over her 70-year reign: young couples holding hands, groups of young friends, families pushing prams with sleeping babies, elderly women armed with camping chairs and flasks of tea, men wearing kilts and medals.

Those who arrived early knew they were in for a long wait, but they did not care. They all had a common purpose: to catch a glimpse of the monarch's hearse, even if only for a few seconds.

When the moment came, a hush fell across the crowd, which gradually gave way to polite applause, then cheering as the cortège passed and made its way down the hill and through the palace gates. Children watched on their parents' shoulders, many recording the moment on their phones.

It was important, clearly, that the Royal Mile looked its best. Earlier a team of workers painted over the graffiti that usually adorns the adjoining Reid's Close.

Not far away, Jacqueline Campbell was sitting on a concrete bollard helpfully positioned by one of the crowd control barriers.

She had travelled from Glasgow by herself for the occasion, taking two buses and arriving at 11.30am, hours ahead of the Queen, passing the time "people-watching".

The only time she has seen the Queen was in 1969, aged nine, when she and her sister joined crowds in Glasgow to watch her opening the National Savings Bank in Cowglen

in the south-west of the city, one of thousands of similar duties she carried out during her reign.

She says: "I wanted to pay my respects. I can't do it tomorrow because of work, so today was the best bet. I thought, 'I'm just going to go and say goodbye.'

"I have great respect for her. I'm not a mad royalist, but I like all the goings-on, I liked watching Kate and William's wedding and Meghan and Harry's. It's the family stuff you can relate to."

Standing on the other side of the road are Elizabeth Hall and her husband, Philip, who travelled early from Jedburgh in the Scottish Borders and were rewarded with a place at the front of crowd. Elizabeth says they are well aware of the significance of their names, but that it is purely a coincidence.

After waiting for more than five hours to see the coffin passing by, she says she intends to return to Edinburgh today and queue – well into the night if necessary – to see the Queen up close as she lies in rest at St Giles' Cathedral.

"She's worth it, for all she's done for our country, we wanted to pay our respects to her and her family," says Elizabeth. "She was just a fine role model for the whole country."

Like many serious occasions there are also unintentionally amusing moments.

One couple have brought their perfectly-groomed corgi to pay its respects to the lady who made its breed famous, but it is refusing to co-operate and is barking furiously at every passing pedestrian.

Nearby a thoroughly confused, helmet-clad Deliveroo driver with an enormous backpack is trying and failing to make his way through the throng.

Outside the Palace, a growing carpet of floral tributes has started to appear. As well as bunches of flowers, coins bearing the Queen's profile have been propped against the walls, alongside cuddly toys of Paddington and corgis.

One card reads: "Dear Elizabeth, I'm not a monarchist, however you were one amazing lady. An inspiration to us all. Dignified, dutiful, faithful. A constant with us through good times and bad times.

"We will miss your voice in those times. We will never forget. Thank you."

Another, signed "Emanuela", reads simply: "Thank you for having been a model of values which make us proud to be part of this country."

One person has left a copy of *Paddington at the Rainbow's End* with a message written on the front cover in black marker. "One last story, Ma'am," it reads.

It seems like a fitting way of Scotland saying: The End.



Royal Standard Why Union flag wasn't used

The Queen's coffin was draped in the Royal Standard of Scotland, rather than the Union flag, as it embarked on its journey yesterday.

While the public may be used to seeing the Union flag draped over coffins at high-profile funerals, the distinctive Royal Standard is used exclusively by the monarch.

The Scottish variant seen yesterday features two yellow quarters depicting the red Lion Rampant, a red quarter featuring three gold lions, and a blue quarter depicting a golden harp.

Graham Bartram, the UK's chief

vexillologist, told i "Anybody can have the Union flag on their coffin but only the Queen can have the Royal Standard. The Royal Standard is senior to the Union flag."

The flag is expected to remain in place as the Queen lies in rest in Edinburgh – but will be swapped out for a non-Scottish variant of the Royal Standard before the coffin arrives in London.

Mr Bartram added: "As she is being flown from Edinburgh to RAF Northolt there will be an opportunity on the plane for them to discreetly swap to the Royal Standard."



People gather south of the Queensferry Crossing to see the Queen's cortège AP

thousands cheered for the Queen



MONARCHY

William: 'It will be an honour to serve Wales'

By Bronwen Weatherby

The Prince of Wales spoke of his "deep affection" for Wales, saying it will be an "honour" to serve its people, on the same day his father was proclaimed King at Cardiff Castle.

In a call with First Minister Mark Drakeford, William said he and the Princess of Wales would "spend the months and years ahead deepening

their relationship with communities" across the country.

He also said he would be travelling to the country "at the earliest opportunity".

A statement from Kensington Palace said: "The Prince acknowledged his and the Princess's deep affection for Wales, having made their first family home in Anglesey, including during the earliest months of Prince George's life. The Prince and Princess will spend the months and years ahead deepening their relationship with communities across Wales."

William and Kate became the new Prince and Princess of Wales on Friday.

PROTEST

Scottish nationalists jeer during proclamation

By Nick Duffy

A handful of Scottish nationalist activists led a chorus of boos and jeers as King Charles III was proclaimed in Edinburgh yesterday.

Lord Lyon King of Arms, who is responsible for royal ceremonies north of the border, led the royal proclamation ceremony, one of many across the country to formally announce the ascension of

King Charles III the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

The crowd remained silent during the ceremony – but as Lord Lyon bellowed "God Save the King", there were loud boos and jeers from a small group waving banners and placards decrying the monarchy.

The Scottish nationalist groups Our Republic and Radical Independence Campaign appeared to have co-ordinated the response.

Our Republic urged "those with objections to these proclamations to make those clear" ahead of the event.

Several protesters were detained on suspicion of breach of the peace but released without charge.

Our Republic decried the arrests, adding: "There's few clearer attacks on free speech than detaining people for booing and holding placards in public."

The Queen's last journey



The journey from Balmoral

The hearse carrying the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II, draped with the Royal Standard of Scotland, leaves Balmoral as it begins its journey to Edinburgh OWEN HUMPHREYS/PA

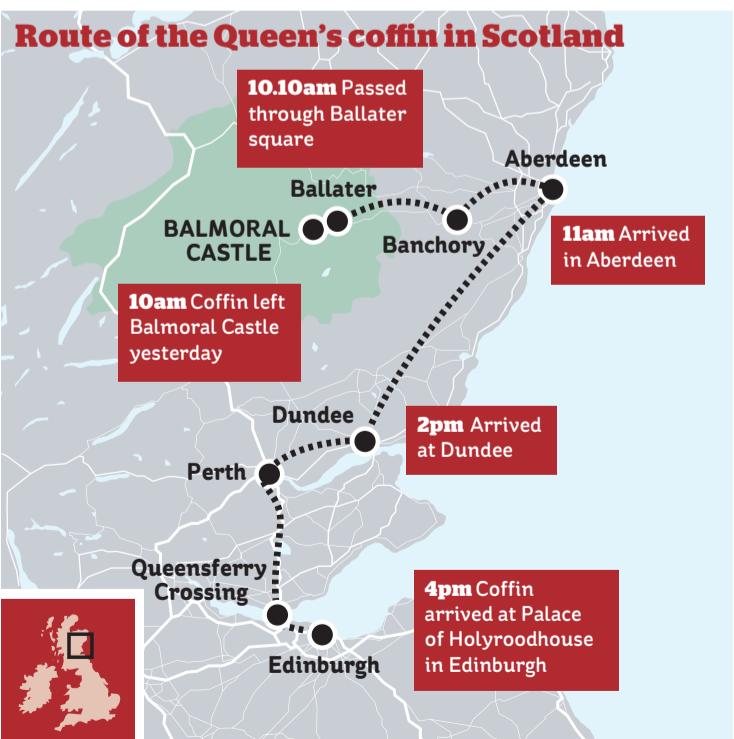


The Queen of Queensferry

Mourners line the route near the Queensferry Crossing as the hearse drives over the Firth of Forth PHIL NOBLE/REUTERS

Royal Standards to the Royal Mile

The Queen passes people holding the Royal Standard of Scotland as the hearse continues its journey to Edinburgh from Balmoral OWEN HUMPHREYS/PA





Shared grieving, shared reimaging

People comfort one another as the cortège carrying the coffin of the late Queen Elizabeth II passes in Ballater, a place where she was a familiar figure and one where many residents treated her as one of the neighbours

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Bringing people together one last time

Mourners in the Canongate in Edinburgh await the coffin on its journey to the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the first waymark of its three-day journey to London JACOB KING/PA

A family mourns with a nation

Crowds pay their respects as the cortège passes by the Mercat Cross in the Royal Mile. She will rest in state for 24 hours in Edinburgh for the public to say its goodbyes IAN FORSYTH/WPA

MONARCHY

The Queen is still a force for unity, even after her death

Monarchy enters new era but echoes remain. By **Cahal Milmo**

It is a long, final journey that will be made amid the fullest formality of the state. But as the Queen's coffin yesterday began its progress from Balmoral Castle to London, it did so in a manner which reflected some of the behind-the-scenes ease with which she had been known to spend her time in her Scottish home.

In the days to come, the oak casket will be borne by military personnel in ceremonial garb. But it was six gamekeepers from the Balmoral estate who yesterday carried the coffin to a waiting hearse to make the six-hour journey to Edinburgh – the first stage in a three-day procession to London ahead of a funeral of vast complexity to be watched by billions.

In Ballater, the village closest to Balmoral and a place where senior royals shop and support local businesses, the cortège was greeted in silence by residents who considered the Queen a "neighbour".



Pauline Lawson, 62, who was among those who had gathered on a sun-kissed Sunday morning to pay their respects, said: "It was incredibly important for us to be here to see the Queen off. She loved Ballater; she loved Royal Deeside, and we loved her as well. There was no question that we would not be here to see her off."

The late-afternoon arrival of the Queen's body at Edinburgh's Palace of Holyroodhouse, the first waymark in a three-day progress to her lying-in-state at Westminster Hall, was the culmination of a weekend of ceremony and symbolism as the succession was formalised and the monarchy, the embodiment of familiarity in British life, took the first steps of the necessarily unfamiliar reign of King Charles III.

As proclamations of the new king were read in Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast and beyond yesterday, Charles III met representatives of the Commonwealth nations as the practicalities of running an institution under new management continued to be rolled out.

While the political leaders

of Australia this weekend side-stepped any talk of a post-Elizabethan republic, there was no such compunction from the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda.

Minutes after signing the document confirming the King's status as his Caribbean nation's head of state, Gaston Browne announced a referendum on becoming a republic, saying such a move would be the "final step to complete that circle of independence" and should not be seen as "an act of hostility".

Such reminders that life and geo-politics goes on came amid some high-level musings about just what the monarchy will look like in its new Carolean era.

Gordon Brown, one of a triumvirate of former prime ministers who yesterday offered their thoughts on how King Charles will reign, suggested a new approachability, as presaged by the monarch's remarkable walkabout outside

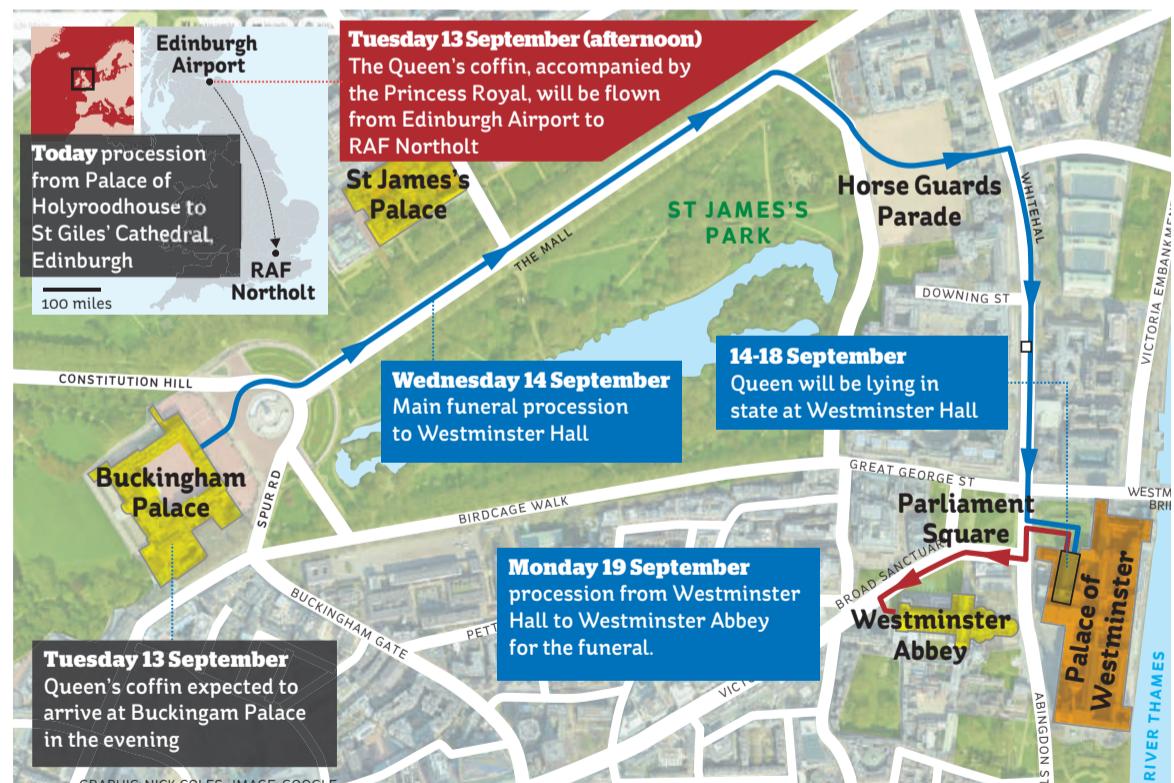
Buckingham Palace as he returned from Balmoral on Friday.

Mr Brown told *Sunday With Laura Kuenssberg* on the BBC: "It's going to more like a Scandinavian monarchy in the future, but not in a bad way – more informal."

While the precise nature of that informality remains to be seen, the weekend at least brought with it an apparent attempt to shift the dynamic that has been a running sore at the heart of the House of Windsor for the past 24 months.

Barely 24 hours after the King had gone out of his way in his first address to the nation to speak publicly of his love for the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, a further olive branch was proffered in the form a joint walkabout outside Windsor Castle by the Duke and Duchess of Sussex and the new Prince and Princess of Wales.

After many months of rancour between the Sussexes and senior royals, not least between the two brothers, the immediate circumstances of the Queen's death had raised the risk that the schism would deepen further. Prince Harry had travelled alone to Balmoral on Thursday,



apparently after an initial plan to be accompanied by Meghan was abandoned, and arrived only after his grandmother's death had been formally announced. He then abruptly left Balmoral by 8am on Friday.

It is in such a context, that the sight of the once "Fab Four" of British royalty walking together on Saturday afternoon to greet

crowds and inspect floral tributes was interpreted as, at the very least, an attempt to ensure that the split in royal ranks did not impinge on the mourning of the Queen, and possibly the start of a thaw in fraternal relations. A source yesterday underlined that, contrary to reports that the move had been made at the request of the King, it was William who had

wanted to extend the invitation to the Sussexes as a "show of unity" and then did so after first gaining his father's approval, prompting a 45-minute delay as the finer details of the walkabout were ironed out. But its true import appeared to lie in the fact that it took place at all.

It may yet be that the Queen's ability to unify did not die with her.



Clockwise from main: Children line the streets in Ballater, Scotland; A trumpeter at Cardiff Castle; Cheers ring out at Hillsborough Castle, south of Belfast

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RELIGION

Faiths pay tribute to the Queen as prayers said for King Charles

By Rob Hastings

Remembrance services for the Queen have been held in churches around the country, while Jews, Muslims and members of other faiths have also paid tribute to her and prayed for King Charles III.

Thousands of Christian mourners descended on Windsor on Sunday to pay their respects near to the palatial Castle that was a favourite home of Elizabeth II.

St Stephen and St Agnes Church was among many places of worship to mark the late sovereign's life with a table displaying photos of her as a young woman and in later years. These were placed next to a card with a prayer for her successor, King Charles III.

The Rev Canon Sally Lodge, rector of Windsor, led the church service, saying: "Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, for her faith and her dedication to duty."

"Bless our nation as we mourn her

death and may her example continue to inspire us."

A Jewish prayer for the Queen was read at many synagogues on Saturday. Written by movement president Rabbi Alexandra Wright, senior rabbi of the Liberal Jewish Synagogue St John's Wood.

Noting how she "served her people with enduring devotion and grace, uniting races, creeds and tongues with outstretched hand and cheerful countenance", it said that she "sought comfort from her faith and led by example, speaking truth, abiding by her oath of majesty, accepting the discipline of her sovereignty and serving God with humility and intent".

In Gloucester, Imam Hassan of the Masjid-E-Noor mosque spoke for many in the Muslim community with his tribute. After the Queen's death, he said: "We as a community of people of all faiths are coming together to remember and celebrate all of her achievements and her dedication to public service."



SECURITY

'Can you imagine Biden on a bus?' Leaders to catch coach to service

By Katie Grant

US President Joe Biden will attend the Queen's funeral, officials have confirmed, amid reports that foreign heads of state will be asked to catch a coach to the service.

Dignitaries will travel to Westminster Abbey in escorted coaches and "because of tight security and road restrictions" they will be required to leave their private state vehicles behind, according to leaked documents seen by *Politico*.

It reported that only heads of state and their spouses or partners will be invited to the event on September 19, due to limited space within the historic building.

It is customary for the President of the United States to travel in a specially designed armoured Cadillac known as The Beast both in his home country and abroad.

Heads of state and their partners will arrive at Westminster Abbey next Monday in escorted coaches from a location in west London, "because of tight security and road restrictions", according to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) document seen by *Politico*.

The document, sent to overseas embassies, says it "regrets that, because of limited space at the state funeral service and associated events, no other members of

the principal guest's family, staff or entourage may be admitted," it is understood.

"Can you imagine Joe Biden on the bus?" a foreign ambassador based in London remarked in a WhatsApp message after the document was sent out, according to the publication.

The FCDO also advised foreign leaders to travel to the UK on commercial flights "where possible" as Heathrow airport will not be available for private flight arrangements or aircraft parking.

Leaders determined to travel by private jet should fly into "less busy airports" around London, the FCDO instructed.

Helicopter transfers between airports and venues has also reportedly been banned "due to the number of flights operating at this time".

It was reported that the document also set out some of the engagements for heads of state surrounding the funeral.

This includes receptions hosted by the King and the new Foreign Secretary, James Cleverly, an offer to visit the Queen's body when it is lying in state and to sign a book of condolence at Lancaster House.

It reported that foreign leaders will be invited to deliver a tribute to the Queen while at Lancaster House, but each speech can only last up to three minutes.



ANIMALS

Duke and Duchess of York to take care of Queen's corgis

By Catherine Wylie

The Duke of York and his ex-wife will look after the late Queen's beloved corgis.

A spokeswoman for Andrew said he and Sarah, Duchess of York, will take on Muick and Sandy - two corgis the late monarch received as gifts from her son.

The Queen owned more than 30 corgis during her reign, and was known for her love of the breed.

In early 2021, she was given two new puppies, one dorgi and one corgi, as a gift by Prince Andrew while staying at Windsor during lockdown.

The puppies kept the monarch entertained while the Duke of Edinburgh was in hospital.

The Queen named the dorgi Fergus after her uncle, who was

killed in action during the First World War, and the corgi Muick, pronounced "Mick", after Loch Muick on the Balmoral estate.

But the monarch was devastated when five-month-old Fergus died only weeks after Prince Philip's death.

Andrew, along with Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie, gifted the Queen a new corgi puppy for her official 95th birthday, which the Queen named Sandy.

The puppies were a constant source of joy for the Queen during lockdown, according to her dresser, Angela Kelly.

Meanwhile, Sarah said the Queen was "the most incredible mother-in-law and friend" to her and she would miss her "more than words can express".

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LONDON

Mourners gather at Buckingham Palace to share their memories

By Ellen O'Dwyer

As mourners laid bouquets and other tributes to the Queen outside Buckingham Palace, two visitors could still remember the aftermath of her father's death 70 years ago.

Brian and Wendy Hudson, from London, recalled the signs of mourning the country went through following the death of King George VI in 1952 at the age of 56.

"We were kids, just running around, but all the people in the street were pulling their blinds down," said Mr Hudson, now 85.

He did not visit the king's coffin, but his parents queued for five hours to see it at Westminster Hall, where it lay in state for three days.

People across the country shut their curtains and blinds as a mark of respect and a sign – harking back to the First World War – that someone had died, Mr Hudson said.

Wendy Hudson, 78, said that she remembered crying at the news that the king had died, and that she had several days off school.

"He was a much-loved king, and a gentleman with his speech impediment, so I think people could relate to him as a person, despite the fact he was royalty," she said.

Mr Hudson's memories of the Queen go back to the Blitz, when he was a very young child.

"There was a photograph of her driving the ambulances in London – she must have been 18 and was Princess Elizabeth then – it was over the door of our bomb shelter, the school had a bomb shelter outside the street," he said.

Having now witnessed the death of two monarchs, Ms Hudson said the national period of mourning had a way of bringing people together.



Outside Buckingham Palace, crowds gather to watch King Charles III arrive

The Queen had "a way of uniting people without being ostentatious", he added.

The couple said that they intended to return to see the Queen lying in state in London. "It will be a huge event, there will be millions who will come and see," said Mr Hudson.

Among the colourful tributes lining the pathways of Green Park near the Palace, an Australian flag poked out from a bouquet laid by Gail Ramsey, whose first words in English were 'God Save the Queen'.

Ms Ramsey emigrated to Australia from Greece when she was a child in the 1960s.

Every morning at school in Melbourne, Victoria, before beginning the day's lessons the class would sing the national anthem.

"Going to school there was a picture of the Queen, this lovely looking lady in a frame on the wall, and every morning we sang 'God Save the Queen,'" she tells i. "I didn't understand, when I heard 'reign over us', I thought it was going to rain."

The Australian anthem changed permanently to "Advance Australia Fair" in 1984. However, after mov-

ing to Britain some years ago, Ms Ramsey got the chance once again to sing the words, this time among the crowds in London for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

"We were lucky because we had quite a close-up view, and it was lovely to sing it to her, in her presence," she said.

Ms Ramsey, a military historian, says the Queen was a hugely respected figure in Australia, and that following her death there were likely to be discussions about whether the country would become a republic.

Her reflections came as the King met the Commonwealth Secretary-General, Patricia Scotland, at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Anthony Albanese, the Australian Prime Minister, has ruled out a vote on whether his country will become a republic in the near future, saying the current period is a time to grieve for the Queen.

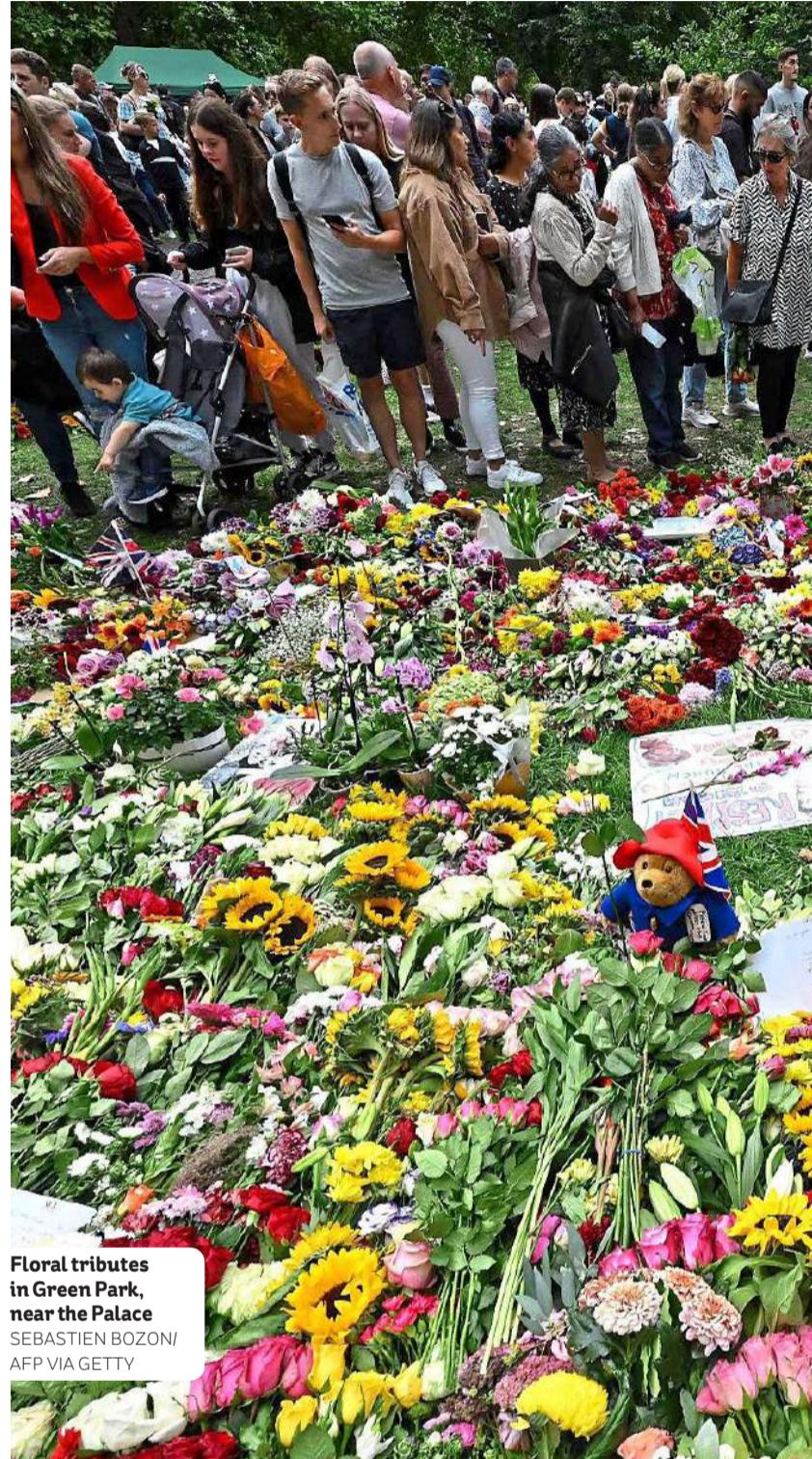
As the Queen's coffin continued its six-hour journey from Balmoral to Edinburgh, crowds kept flowing into Green Park, which was teeming with visitors who filled nearly every inch of the allotted space.

Voices on loudspeakers told those coming from Buckingham Palace to keep moving to avoid log-jams of people.

Anthony Wilson dressed up his pug, Delphi, in special funeral attire for his trip to the park. He said he felt it was appropriate, and that he was wearing dark colours in respect for the mourning period.

"The Queen was always there, wasn't she? We saw her every year do the Christmas speech, she was always marking the seasons in a way," he says.

"And her smile – I'll remember that," Mr Wilson adds.



Floral tributes in Green Park, near the Palace

SEBASTIEN BOZON/ AFP VIA GETTY

Analysis

First 'Elizabeth, Queen of Scots' highlighted her value in the Union

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she had wished to die where she could be at her most relaxed and private, as an almost-everyday mother and grandmother, rather than the sovereign.

In the most immediate terms, it means that Operation Unicorn – the variation on Operation London Bridge should she die north of the border – has swung into action.

Her six-hour, 175-mile journey from Balmoral to Edinburgh on Sunday, observed in silence by people in Royal Deeside villages, Aberdeenshire farmland and the pavements of Edinburgh, was an opportunity for many Scots to show they care as much about

POLITICS

Truss cancelled briefing on national plans for royal death

By Hugo Gye
POLITICAL EDITOR

A briefing for Liz Truss on what would happen should a major royal die was cancelled a day before the death of the Queen because the Prime Minister was too busy, it has emerged.

Ms Truss was told on Thursday morning that the Queen was gravely ill and might not survive the day.

The Prime Minister and her officials pressed on with plans to announce a package of financial support to stop households from experiencing a devastating spike in energy bills, knowing that it could be the last policy they would be able to discuss

in public before a period of national mourning began.

While the civil service and the royal household had prepared for the Queen's death for decades, Ms Truss had not had the chance to turn her mind to the issue since becoming Prime Minister 48 hours earlier.

A so-called "bridges briefing", named after the code name Operation London Bridge, which refers to the death of the sovereign, was due to take place on Wednesday so that Ms Truss would be up to speed with the relevant contingency plans.

She decided to cancel it because preparations for the energy package and other urgent business appeared to be more pressing. A source told

The Sunday Times: "It was cancelled because of the energy announcement and the reshuffle."

From lunchtime on Thursday, when the full extent of the Queen's condition had become clear, No 10 switched to prioritise the response to an imminent handover of supreme authority.

Ms Truss was told of the monarch's death about two hours before it was made public, giving her more time to write the speech that she would deliver in Downing Street.

Within the Government, liaison with Buckingham Palace is being led by Simon Case, the Cabinet Secretary, and Nick Catsaros, who is principal private secretary to the Prime Minister. Whereas Mr Case has been in the post for two years, Mr Catsaros entered No 10 with Ms Truss, meaning he only had two days to prepare for his duties.

This brief audience with opposition leaders on Friday, King Charles III told the SNP's Westminster leader, Ian Blackford, it was a "wonderful thing" that his mother had been in Balmoral, the place she loved, when she died.

The significance of the Queen having died in Scotland should not be underestimated. It underscores her deep affection for the nation, suggesting that knowing she was in failing health,



PEOPLE

'I feel if I don't do this I will regret it,' says fan flying in from Australia

By Lucie Heath

An Australian who has spent A\$6,000 (£3,500) to fly to London to pay his respects to the Queen has said it feels as though a member of his own family has died.

Darren Martin, from Bendigo, Victoria, has booked flights that will get him into London on Thursday and leave five nights later on the following Tuesday, the day after the Queen's funeral on Monday 19 September.

The 43-year-old told **i** that he had "grown up watching and admiring the Royal Family", an admiration that stemmed from his grandmother, who was herself a huge fan of the Queen.

"I just feel like if I don't do this I will regret it for the rest of my life," Mr Martin said.

He added that the Queen's passing had reminded him of the time he brought his grandparents, Peter and Peggy Martin, who have since died, to the UK in 2013. They visited royal sites including Buckingham Palace, the Sandringham Estate in Norfolk and Balmoral, Aberdeenshire.

"As soon as I heard the Queen wasn't well, for me it was like a family member," said Mr Martin.

"The moment I heard she had passed, memories of my own grandmother came flooding back."

"I can picture taking pictures of my own grandmother at the front of Buckingham Palace."



Mr Martin (*inset*) booked his flights to London on Friday, the day after it was announced that the Queen had died peacefully at her estate in Balmoral.

He said: "Knowing that the Queen was at Balmoral for me was quite emotional, because I'd spent quite a bit of time there with my grandparents and they both loved that whole facility entirely.

"It is a beautiful place and knowing how much the Queen loved that place as well probably just brought back a lot of memories.

"It's hard to describe. To a lot of other people it probably seems really silly, but I just feel such a connection."

Mr Martin plans to spend his time in London visiting royal sites so he can "be part of the mourning atmosphere" and "be around like-minded people".

A 10-day national mourning period is under way, culminating with the Queen's state funeral.

Thousands of people have gathered outside Buckingham Palace and the Queen's other residences in recent days to lay floral tributes and pay their respects.

Mr Martin said he had "barely slept" since the Queen's death was announced and he had been "glued to the TV".

"I knew it was going to happen one day but I never wanted this day to happen," he said.

EMPLOYMENT

Bank Holiday closure 'optional'

Schools will close for the day of the Queen's funeral, although it will be optional for businesses and organisations whether they let their staff have the bank holiday off.

King Charles III approved the one-off UK bank holiday for his mother's funeral next Monday, 19 September.

The national holiday will be treated like standard bank holidays – meaning there is no statutory entitlement for employers to let their staff have that day off, although they may be entitled to a day in lieu if not. Schools will not be expected to remain open. The Government expects many workers would be able to take the day off.

INTERNATIONAL

Mourning declared across the world

From Brazil to Bhutan, governments around the world have declared periods of mourning following the Queen's death.

The Presidential Court in the United Arab Emirates said that flags would fly at half-mast for three days in the country and at embassies around the world. Three days of national mourning were also declared in Bangladesh, Nepal, Lebanon, Kuwait and Jordan.

In India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, one day of national mourning was declared. Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta declared four days, while Malawi and Rwanda both followed the UK in announcing 10 days of mourning.



ENTERTAINMENT

Craig says Queen skit was 'amazing'

James Bond star Daniel Craig described filming a scene with the Queen for the London 2012 Olympics as "an incredible thing".

In the comedy sketch, Craig, who played the British spy, called at Buckingham Palace to summon the Queen to the event.

It concluded with a stunt double of the Queen parachuting to the arena, seconds before the real Queen walked in.

At the Toronto Film Festival, Craig said: "What an incredible thing. We will not see the likes of her ever again."

"To be alive during her reign is something else."

the monarchy as the English. The late monarch will rest at the Palace of Holyroodhouse before a short journey up the Royal Mile today to St Giles' Cathedral, where she will lie in rest for 24 hours, under the vigil of members of her family.

Instead of London pulling all the focus of the UK's attention over the Queen's death – and it will inevitably take over once her coffin arrives there tomorrow – this is a moment for Scotland to honour the woman Mr Blackford (*inset*) described as "Elizabeth, Queen of Scots".

But her death in Scotland will also throw into sharper focus the debate over independence.

Supporters of the Union have already claimed that, at the King's Accession ceremony in St James's Palace on Saturday, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon's



signing of the proclamation – and loyalty to the UK's monarch – would be the death knell for independence.

How can Scotland want to break away now, they will argue, when the location of the Queen's death has highlighted the strong bonds of the Union?

However, the SNP has always said that an independent Scotland would keep the monarchy. Just as Elizabeth was "Queen of Scots", Charles would not be the last King of Scotland.

And there is a converse argument: with the passing of the Queen and her close links to Balmoral, the era of King Charles may offer a renewed opportunity for a second independence referendum, which is already being discussed.

Expect that debate to intensify after the period of national mourning is over.

ARISTOCRACY

Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal, will organise state funeral

By Steve Robson

Edward Fitzalan-Howard is a name probably not familiar to most Britons.

But as the most senior peer in the country, the Duke of Norfolk faces the intimidating task of organising the Queen's funeral.

The Fitzalan-Howards are one of the oldest aristocratic families in the country, and can be traced back to the time of King Edward I of England.

The duke, known as Eddie to friends, inherited the role of Earl Marshal, along with his dukedom in 2002, from his father Miles Francis Stapleton Fitzalan-Howard, the 17th Duke of Norfolk.

The ancient role means he is responsible for overseeing

occasions such as royal funerals, coronations and the state opening of Parliament. He was a key figure at the official proclamation of Charles as King.

He lives in the family's ancestral home, Arundel Castle in West Sussex, which dates back more than 1,000 years.

He is said to be worth more than £100m.

The duke and his wife, Georgina, have five children – Henry, Rachel, Thomas, Isabel and Philip – but last month he said that their divorce had been finalised.

The duke was appointed a Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order for services to the monarchy during the Queen's Jubilee honours this summer.

POLITICS

Downing Street denies Truss 'on tour' with King as both travel UK

By Arj Singh

DEPUTY POLITICAL EDITOR

Downing Street yesterday attempted to play down suggestions that Liz Truss is embarking on a tour of the UK with King Charles III, following the death of the Queen.

The Prime Minister is due to join the King as he leads "services of reflection" around the UK this week.

Ms Truss's official spokesman said she would travel with the King to Scotland today, followed by visits to Northern Ireland tomorrow and Wales on Friday.

"It's not a requirement but the Prime Minister believes it is important to be present for what will be a significant moment of national mourning around the United Kingdom," said the spokesman.



But sources said this does not mean Ms Truss is accompanying the King or going on tour with him.

The spokesman added: "The King is leading national mourning across the UK. The Prime Minister will join and attend the services. The PM is not 'accompanying' the King and it is not a 'tour'. She is merely attending the services."

The spokesman also insisted the Prime Minister's travel plans would not affect the Government's efforts to deal with the looming economic crisis, claiming there would be no delay to her package aiming to help consumers and businesses pay rising energy bills from October.

However, Ms Truss does now face a tight schedule for any parliamentary business. Parliament is set to rise for recess on Thursday, 22

September, just three days after the Queen's funeral.

The visits come after Ms Truss was forced to postpone her plans to introduce herself to voters as Prime Minister after just two days in No 10.

News of the Queen's deteriorating health filtered through as Ms Truss was announcing her key energy package in the House of Commons on Thursday.

Ms Truss did not appear in public yesterday. On Thursday she delivered a speech outside No 10, while on Friday she led tributes to the Queen in the House of Commons and had an audience with the King. Then, on Saturday, she attended the Accession Council to formally proclaim the King's ascension to the throne.

The Prime Minister is expected to attend when the King visits legislators at Westminster Hall in the Palace of Westminster today.

The speakers of the Houses of Parliament will use the visit to express their condolences to the new monarch and his Queen Consort, on behalf of MPs and peers.

The King will then visit Scotland as part of Operation Spring Tide, the code name for his first trip around all four nations of the UK.

During the visit he will have an audience with Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon (*inset*). He and the Queen Consort will then attend the Scottish Parliament where they will receive condolences from MSPs.

Tomorrow, the King will travel to Belfast, where he will meet Northern Ireland Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris and local party leaders, before visiting Wales on Friday.



**The King meets
Liz Truss at
Buckingham
Palace on Saturday**

JONATHAN BRADY/PA

Charles's next five days Whistlestop UK tour

King Charles has a packed schedule for the week ahead as he embarks on a week-long journey across the UK and leads the nation in mourning his mother, the Queen.

This week he will visit the capitals of the three devolved nations, attending church services and addressing legislators in each city.

At 10am today, the new monarch will visit the Houses of Parliament, addressing MPs and Lords at Westminster Hall after days of tributes to the late Queen.

He will then fly to Edinburgh, in time to lead a procession that will follow the Queen's coffin up the Royal Mile, from the Palace of Holyroodhouse, to St Giles' Cathedral.

Tomorrow, he will fly to Belfast and visit Hillsborough Castle (*inset*), where he will meet Northern Ireland



party leaders, and receive a message of condolence led by the Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

On Wednesday, the King is set to return to London and walk behind his mother's coffin for a second time, as it is carried from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Hall, where the Queen will lie in state until the funeral on Monday, 19 September.

This Friday, the King and Queen Consort will visit Wales.

They are expected to visit the Welsh Parliament in Cardiff Bay and take part in a service at Llandaff Cathedral.

The monarch, 73, will likely have a busy weekend itinerary ahead of the funeral as he greets the numerous heads of state and dignitaries from the Commonwealth and from across the world who are flying in to attend.

RELIGION

Charles 'can bring healing' too

By Catherine Wylie

The new King has the ability to bring "healing" to people just as his late mother did, the Archbishop of Canterbury has said.

The Most Rev Justin Welby delivered a sermon at Canterbury Cathedral yesterday, acknowledging that many people will be "navigating their way around the raw and ragged edges of grief".

At the start of the service, which

started shortly after the Queen's coffin left Balmoral, he said it is an "unexpectedly extraordinary Sunday".

The Archbishop said those who met the Queen were "always struck by her ability to make them feel as though they were the most important, the only person in the room, the only person in the street, in the crowd".

He added: "King Charles III has the same ability to see the value of each person as God sees them."

Comment

Political breathing space for Truss ahead of funeral

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POLITICAL EDITOR



No 10 is adamant that Liz Truss will not be following King Charles as he visits the four nations of his new kingdom.

Downing Street aides are anxious to avoid the impression that the Prime Minister is any way trying to grab the limelight as the nation mourns the Queen.

They have emphasised that Ms Truss will not travel with the King himself and will have no input into the royal itinerary.

But it is nonetheless striking that the new Prime Minister will

spend her first full week in the job paying a visit to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland – even if politics is off the agenda as she attends services of commemoration in each nation.

Ms Truss is likely to hold her first official meetings with Nicola Sturgeon and Mark Drakeford, the First Ministers of Scotland and Wales, as well as the leaders of Northern Ireland's political parties in the absence of a functioning Executive.

Again, these meetings will not be directly political.

But Ms Truss will hope these encounters, taking place at a rare moment of national unity, helps her start to build more constructive relationships than

Boris Johnson ever managed. Despite the sad circumstances, her UK trip may also help Ms Truss – relatively little known before this summer's leadership election – become a more familiar face, and in a context removed from political controversy.

Meanwhile, ministers and officials will be busy in Whitehall coming up with a detailed policy agenda ready for the Government to announce once the period of official mourning has come to an end. The Conservative conference at the start of October will be a crucial moment as politics restarts in earnest.

Ms Truss will seek to play her supporting role in the national ceremonial as well as Tony Blair memorably did in 1997, following the death of Princess Diana.

She knows that if she can win the respect of voters at a time of crisis, they will give her more breathing space to prove herself politically in the tricky few months which are to come.



PROCLAMATION

Sinn Féin snubs ceremonies

By Nick Duffy

Sinn Féin politicians have refused to take part in Accession Proclamation ceremonies marking King Charles's rise to the throne, but will take part in events mourning the Queen due to her role in securing peace in Northern Ireland.

Mary Lou McDonald, president of the Irish republican party, said: "The Accession Proclamation ceremonies are intended for those whose political allegiance is to the British Crown. Sinn Féin will not be in attendance at these events."

"We acknowledge the very positive role the Queen played in advancing peace and reconciliation between our two islands, and the two traditions on our island, during the years of the peace process."

Analysis

King upholds his mother's pledge to the Commonwealth

Serina Sandhu



He has only been King for four days, but already Charles is making clear that he intends to honour his mother's commitment to the Commonwealth.

Throughout her reign as head of the Commonwealth, the Queen championed its countries and their people, with her son indicating her work will go on.

In what has been considered a symbolic move, Baroness Patricia Scotland, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, was seen alongside Britain's former prime

ministers at the Accession Council to witness Charles being formally proclaimed King on Saturday. And yesterday, King Charles met Baroness Scotland at Buckingham Palace before hosting High Commissioners and their spouses from countries where he is head of state.

The death of the Queen means Charles is now head of the Commonwealth, as well as head of state in 15 countries within the group, including the UK.

Dr Sean Lang, a senior lecturer in history at Anglia Ruskin University, said: "On Sunday, even while the late Queen's body was travelling from Balmoral to Edinburgh, he met Baroness Scotland and Commonwealth

SOCIETY

Commonwealth expects debates with new King to be 'challenging'

By Sally Guyoncourt

King Charles has met with Commonwealth leaders, signalling the start of his own relationship with the association of nations "cherished" by the Queen but which could see major challenges during his reign.

The King travelled from Clarence House to Buckingham Palace yesterday afternoon for a meeting first with Baroness Scotland, the Commonwealth Secretary-General.

He then met with the High Commissioners and their spouses from the realms, countries where he is head of state.

At his accession, the King also became head of state of 14 countries outside the UK: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, The Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu.

When the Queen took the throne in 1952, she was head of state in 33 nations, and the number appears destined to reduce further as more countries re-evaluate their relationships with the British monarchy following her death.

Baroness Scotland (*inset*) said that she expected "challenging conversations" with the King to continue to tackle "the most difficult issues".

Philip Murphy, professor of British and Commonwealth history at the University of London, told **i**:

"I think it's very important for the Palace to signal that King Charles is King of the Commonwealth Realm and separately head of the Commonwealth. It's a way of signalling the duality of his different roles as King."

He said Baroness Scotland's position at the Accession Council, alongside former British prime ministers, was "very significant indeed" in terms of indicating "continued support for the Commonwealth".

Professor Murphy said Barbados becoming a republic last November was "a game-changer" which has in turn "put the pressure on the Caribbean realms".

The movement towards a republic "was going to happen anyway", said Professor Murphy, and a visit by King Charles last year as it abolished the monarch is seen as an acknowledgement of this.

A member of the Royal Family has never previously attended a nation's transition to becoming a republic.

Jamaica, and Antigua and Barbuda have expressed a will to follow suit, while Australia's Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, could call a referendum on the issue in the years to come.

Despite this, Professor Murphy believes the Commonwealth will continue to exist as an association of member states under King Charles III's reign.

"It serves sufficient marginal purposes, it's not worth the bother of trying to close down," he said.



High Commissioners, a priority not given to other countries or even to MPs."

Showing commitment to the Commonwealth is also a way to honour his mother's legacy.

Head of the Commonwealth is not a hereditary position, but in 2018, the Queen endorsed her son to take over from her, calling it her "sincere wish". Later, leaders accepted the proposal, saying they recognised "the role of the Queen in championing the Commonwealth and its peoples".

Even if more Commonwealth countries choose to seek independence from the crown by becoming republics, King Charles's commitment to the overall group of nations is unlikely to waver.

In fact, he travelled to Barbados in November to witness the nation become a republic, and remove the Queen as its head of state.

Dr Lang said that the Commonwealth has fostered a

new image as "an international organisation focused on development and environmental issues, human rights and the protection and promotion of democracy". He said: "Far from fading into irrelevance, it has actually been growing, attracting new member-states, like Mozambique, Rwanda, Cameroon and Togo, which were never part of the British Empire."

Professor Saul Dubow, Smuts Professor of Commonwealth history at the University of Cambridge, said the Commonwealth gave King Charles scope for a leadership role on issues of global concern, such as climate change and development. He said: "The fact that he is only constitutionally head of a minority of Commonwealth countries is not necessarily a constraint. It may even be an advantage. The question is whether Charles can inherit and reassert the Queen's symbolic authority in new ways."

TRANSITION

King Charles is priming himself and the country for a different voice and tone

After 70 years of the Queen's reign, Britain adjusts to its new era. By **Anne McElvoy**



The first moment the transition hit home was when "Long live the King," was tentatively shouted by well-wishers outside Buckingham Palace. Charles, in this period of transition, stands for continuity and change, son of the world's most famous and loved monarch – and a man in his own right – giving the country confidence to face the future.

"The Queen is dead, long live the King," is the segue which must happen without question or antagonism for a monarchical system to thrive and Charles's job was to step into the role, evoking grief while also putting his own stamp on the occasion.

Charles learned a bitter lesson first-hand when the royals were widely seen as too distant after the death of his late wife, Diana.

So a man whose private temperament is unshowy and pragmatic shared with millions the sadness at losing "my dear Mama" and embraced a new chapter in the love story and partnership he shares with "my darling Camilla". This was heartfelt, but I think not without forethought.

In truth, we will take a while to get used to a male voice as head of state and to stop missing the homelier associations of the Queen's. Over the decades of her rule her voice moved from the high timbre of post-war elocution, to an enunciation which was distinctively regal, yet familiar and comforting.

Being the figure who marks out a new era is much harder in the moment than it seems as we leaf through the pages of history. The beginning and end of monarchs' reigns mark out epochs in Britain, in a way that European capitals often use significant years (1789 in France, 1871 in Germany, 1917 in Russia) to declare that something big and new has begun.

As someone close to the new King in a professional capacity puts it: "There is still a moment when the talk is of the monarch and you suddenly realise: 'That's me.'"

Charles is priming himself and the country for a different voice and tone. The commitment to the "peace, harmony and prosperity of the peoples of these islands and of the Commonwealth realms and territories throughout the world," is in some ways a given, but in a world often in turmoil, it is also a



recognition by a man who will be the figurehead in a changeable era for Britain, Europe and the transatlantic relationship that these things are not given – they need to be defended and revived.

Burden-sharing with the new Prince of Wales (William) is already widely practiced – it is William, for instance, who was entrusted with the Caribbean tour and referencing the difficulties of colonial legacy for the first time. How that evolves will be one of the most fascinating aspects of Charles's reign.

So will the task of allaying the damaging feud with Prince Harry. A joint walkabout with the Sussexes was not the end of the fraught matter of bruised feelings and conflict – but the

segue was a necessary first move of rapprochement.

At 73, Charles cannot much alter his temperament and it is a different one to his mother and rather closer to the flinty nature of his late father, Prince Philip. We saw it in the impatience at waving to an aide to take away his pen and tray after signing the accession document. Alongside the joys and reverence of the central role come the risk that camera angles or screen grabs can draw attention to inconvenient small things.

He is hard-working, dutiful, self-convinced and disciplined (one aide described how a man who could have every luxury of palace life rarely stops for lunch, instead taking a walk and having tea with

fruit cake from a Tupperware box). He can also be impulsive, driven by the strength of his beliefs, whether on climate change, architecture and even homeopathy.

This is of course also the end of a long female reign, with its association of comforting matriarchy and that we need to settle in with a King who is at once so familiar and strange to us.

Elizabeth Regina is on her last journey. Charles Rex has the pen, and soon the crown. It is such a short time and a very long way from "God save the Queen" to "Long live the King."

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STYLE

New King looks to cultivate more informal tone

By Adam Sherwin

Impromptu walkabouts will become a feature of a more informal, "Scandinavian" style of monarchy under King Charles, royal observers have predicted.

The former prime minister, Gordon Brown, said he expected the King to perform his duties in a more "approachable" way, making the institution "more like a Scandinavian monarchy".

The Norwegian royal family has cultivated an informal, folksy image, aimed at retaining public support.

The family embraced Mette-Marit (*inset*), a single mother with a past involving partying and recreational drug use as the bride of heir to the throne, Crown Prince Haakon.



Buoyed by the support outside Buckingham Palace when he staged a spontaneous walkabout on Friday, King Charles wants to get as close to as many of his subjects as possible.

Aware the monarch can seem a distant figure to many, aides de-

scribe a tactile individual who does not mind being embraced.

The King will take on more public engagements than the Queen was able to perform in her final years and spring more impromptu walkabouts on his security detail.

Mark Borkowski, a PR expert, told **i**: "The monarchy will be more 'touchy-feely' with Charles. He has a keen emotional intelligence. You saw that in his first speech as King when he demonstrated empathy with Harry and Meghan. He didn't need to say that."

"The Palace walkabout was actually pure Diana, that was her influence. It looked impromptu but I think he planned it," he added.

POLICY

'Meddling' Charles claims dismissed

By Arj Singh

DEPUTY POLITICAL EDITOR

The former Prime Ministers David Cameron and Gordon Brown have dismissed suggestions King Charles III will try to unduly influence politics.

As Prince of Wales, he became known for voicing his opinions on various issues, leading to accusations that he was "meddling" in Government policy.

He wrote a series of controversial letters to Government ministers and politicians known as the "black spider" memos or expressing

his views on topics from the environment to architecture, prompting concerns about his neutrality.

Both Mr Cameron and Mr Brown suggested he would not seek to influence political decisions now he was head of state.

Mr Cameron told BBC One's *Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg*: "I never felt he tried to influence me improperly in any way."

"I think that the heir to the throne has a perfect right to have an interest in issues like the environment and like preserving wildlife."

WINDSOR

Truce of Princes 'an important show of unity'

By Serina Sandhu

The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Sussex coming together to pay respects to the Queen has been hailed a show of unity, despite their frosty relations.

Although the couples appeared relaxed and drove together to carry out the 40-minute walkabout around Windsor Castle on Saturday to view flowers and tributes to the late monarch, the run-up to the appearance was not without tension.

Prince William invited his brother and sister-in-law to join him and the Princess of Wales shortly before hand in what has been described as an "11th-hour" olive branch.

It is thought the Royal Family is

keen to avoid anything detracting from the solemnity of the occasion of bidding farewell to the Queen after seven decades of reign.

But it appeared the walkabout invitation required consideration, with *The Sunday Times* reporting that negotiations between the two camps had delayed the appearance by 45 minutes.

A royal source said that the Prince of Wales "thought it was an important show of unity at an incredibly difficult time for the family".

Experts say the decision of the Duke and Duchess to accept the invitation also honoured King Charles,

who spoke of his love for them in his first public address to the nation as monarch. This too was seen as peace offering after strained relations between father and son.

William drove Catherine, Harry and Meghan to begin the walkabout at Windsor Castle, where they looked at floral tributes and read messages of condolence from the public (inset), some of whom broke out into applause at their unexpected arrival together.

They also greeted and shook the hands of well-wishers.

It was the first time the couples, once dubbed the royal "Fab Four",

had been seen side-by-side in public since the Commonwealth Day church service in March 2020, shortly before Harry and Meghan stepped back as working royals for a more low-key life in California.

Professor Pauline Maclaran, co-author of *Royal Fever: The British Monarchy in Consumer Culture*, said that the message behind the couples' walkabout was "to show family unity out of respect for the late Queen and also, of course, their father, the new King who made his affection very clear for Harry and Meghan in his formal address to the nation".

Professor Maclaran, who teaches marketing and consumer research at Royal Holloway, University of London, said the Royal Family would

have wanted to "stave off idle speculation about the nature of the brothers' relationship" to avoid detracting from the period of mourning.

However, it is unclear what the display of unity in Windsor means for their relationship in the future.

Dr Ed Owens, a royal historian and author of *The Family Firm* said: "We cannot assume the couples are putting their differences behind them".

"Rather, these images of momentary unity demonstrate that the couples' desire to publicly honour the Queen's life is bigger than their ongoing private disagreement. With Harry's bombshell memoir to be published later this year, I don't anticipate there will be any great reconciliation at this point in time."



ENGAGEMENT

'The moment I've been dreading': new King shows an emotional side

Elizabeth II had to be seen to be believed; Charles opts for reality. By Jane Merrick



Three days after the Queen's death, the monarchy, and its relationship with the people, has already changed. Not only in its most literal sense, with King Charles III acceding to the throne, but in the manner in which he has done so.

Where the Queen studiously maintained a mystique around herself and her family – she famously said she had to be "seen to be believed", but she was a traditionalist in remaining above politics and society – the new King has spoken quite frankly and openly about his grief. The first sign of his break with his mother's style came on Friday, when he stepped out of his Rolls Royce in front of Buckingham Palace and spent several minutes meeting well-wishers.

A royal walkabout is nothing new, of course. But he shook hands, accepted kisses from adoring strangers – he got close to his people. We are led to understand that this is authentically Charles: as Prince of Wales, it is said, he was an indulgent shaker of hands.

But now he is King, things are different, or at least they should be.



The second sign was when he met Liz Truss that afternoon for his first audience with the Prime Minister, and TV cameras were there to record it.

A microphone picked up the words "the moment I've been dreading". Given nothing the royal family ever says or does is by accident, it was an opportunity to publicly acknowledge his grief.

Thirdly, and most acutely, in his address to the nation on Friday evening, he appeared close to tears as he paid tribute to "my darling Mama" and spoke of his love for the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. By being so open with his grief, the King is helping the country deal with our own.

No one will have planned this, in all the exacting official arrangements for the aftermath of the Queen's death, but it is possible that this period of national grieving is an opportunity for those who have recently lost loved ones, particularly under Covid pandemic restrictions when the sharing of grief was denied, to have a second mourning that feels more tangible, and therefore, more comforting. As the Archbishop of Canterbury told public mourners – and the Royal



King Charles III
brings 'the sense of loss with honesty' to the public
JAMES MANNING/PA

Family – on Friday: "Bring all your grief and anxiety, bring the sense of loss with complete honesty."

The contrast with the King's mother's style is stark. Of course, the late Queen had warmth and a sense of humour, but moments of constitutional importance were quite formal and solemn.

There was little sharing or "emoting", as they say

in the Sussexes' Montecito neighbourhood. And it is clear that the King's openness and dropping of reserve is influenced by his children, who in the past have spoken frankly about their own mental health. In turn, they inherited this from their mother, Diana, whose sharing of her feelings was ridiculed in her lifetime.

When Diana (inset) died in 1997,

there was a traditionalist core in the monarchy and in society who blanched at what they saw as an un-British outpouring of grief, and only after several days did the Queen realise she was on the wrong side of public opinion.

That moment changed the Queen and the monarchy but only subtly, only gradually; now, with King Charles, it is suddenly

PEOPLE

'People are ready to move on from era when Diana was Princess of Wales'

Wholesome Kate will change history's perception of a difficult role, says **Kasia Delgado**



Say "Princess of Wales" and Diana Spencer immediately springs to mind. Across the world, she is synonymous with the title she held from 1981 when she married Charles until she lost her life at the age of 36 in 1997. Yet just a few weeks after the 25th anniversary of Diana's death, there is a new Princess of Wales.

Diana's title has been passed on to her daughter-in-law Kate. It is a title steeped in a complicated, glorious and also tragic history of Diana, "The People's Princess".

"This title change is really significant," Elizabeth Norton, royal historian and author of *England's Queens: The Biography*, tells i, "and Kate is the right person to be the next Princess of Wales. What happened to Diana is very sad, but the title does need to be moved on to another generation."

"The title is very much associated with Diana, and it always will be, but the time has come to acknowledge that it's a title that continues. It doesn't detract from Diana's legacy if there's a new holder, and I would think she would want her daughter-in-law to hold the title."

In Charles's first speech as King on Friday, he said of his son William; "Today, I am proud to create him Prince of Wales, Tywysog Cymru, the country whose title I have been so greatly privileged to bear during so much of my life and duty. With Catherine beside him, our

new Prince and Princess of Wales will, I know, continue to inspire and lead our national conversations, helping to bring the marginal to the centre ground where vital help can be given."

Catherine, otherwise known as Kate, will be only the tenth person in history to use the title, including Catherine of Aragon who was Princess of Wales as the wife of Henry VIII's elder brother, Arthur, Prince of Wales. Since the 14th century the title has been used by the wives of the Princes



Catherine will inevitably be compared with Diana (left), the mother-in-law she never met ANDREW COULDRIIDGE/REUTERS; JOHN STILLWELL/PA

of Wales. The last Princess of Wales before Diana was Mary of Teck, grandmother to Queen Elizabeth II, and the wife of the future King George V. George was made Prince of Wales in 1901, before becoming King in 1911.

King Charles's wife, Camilla, now Queen Consort, could

have had the title, but it is thought that out of respect to Diana she refrained from using it.

"You would think there would have been lots of Princesses of Wales," says Norton, "but actually it's much rarer for there to be a Princess of Wales than a Prince of Wales, and there haven't been that many holders, just one or two

MEDIA

Sussexes' walkabout was 'seismic moment'

By Victoria Craw

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex's public appearance with the Prince and Princess of Wales at Windsor has been hailed as a "seismic moment" that could be the first sign of a thaw in frosty relations by US media.

The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and Cambridge and the Duke and Duchess of Sussex made a surprise appearance outside Windsor Castle on Saturday.

It was the first time the brothers

were seen together since the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June, and the first time all four were seen since March 2020.

CNN's royal correspondent Max Foster described the surprise appearance as a "huge moment". He said: "I was surprised about seeing the Sussexes there as well."

"There have been a lot of seismic moments in real history over the last couple of days. This is certainly one of them. There was this ongoing tension between Harry and William. I

don't know if that is resolved, but it is resolved enough to the extent where they are able to appear in public."

NBC news also focussed on the reunion of the brothers, saying they appeared "to put aside their royal rift". Daniel Arkin, reporting from Windsor along with Mirna Alsharif in New York, said: "The reunion was a notable and striking event given that the siblings have grown distant."

Royal reporter Omid Scobie said the Sussexes were invited "in the eleventh hour". He said: "Today's

public reunion was a show of the utmost respect to the Queen."

ABC reported how the Sussexes' children "are in line to get new titles". It said they could be styled HRH Prince Archie of Sussex and HRH Princess Lilibet of Sussex as they are grandchildren of the sovereign.

Other outlets focussed on the Duchess of Sussex not joining Prince Harry at Balmoral, with the *New York Post* reporting: "Charles told Harry that it wasn't right or appropriate for Meghan to be in Balmoral".

a century so it is a title very much synonymous with Diana, and that makes this inheriting of the title particularly important."

Kate inheriting the title will naturally invite comparison with the mother-in-law she never met, but Norton says it will likely be looked upon positively by Britain and on the world stage. Kate is seen as "wholesome", says Norton, and is seen as a Royal doing her job well. People seem ready for this change.

"The focus of both Kate and Diana's lives has very much been the charity work," she says. "When we think about Diana, we think about charity, we think about landmines, we think of her work with Aids patients, and we can definitely see Kate taking up that mantle in the 21st century. She's barely ever put a foot wrong."

"Because of Diana, when we think about the title of Princess of Wales, we think about charity, and so it's important that that continues

What happened to Diana is very sad, but the title does need to be moved on to another generation

actually, rather than being mothballed. That title is not going to be of any use to anyone if it's not moving forward and being used."

Inevitable comparisons between Diana and Kate may be beneficial to the new Princess of Wales. "The title does have connotations of Diana's legacy and so Kate having that might only be good for her already positive international reputation," says Norton. "It ties her into the family and Royal life and her role even more firmly."

Of course, for William, the new Prince of Wales, this means his wife has been given the title his mother held for so long, which has a poignant symbolism unlikely to be lost on him, or the world.

It is also thought that a new Princess of Wales may help King Charles begin this era of the monarchy as smoothly as possible.

"I would imagine that for Charles as he becomes king," says Norton, "this is a really good way of almost dusting off the cobwebs and saying, 'right, well, this is us now, this is the future'. It suggests we're not looking back to the 90s, which were not a particularly happy time for Charles. The title indicates instead an attempt to look forward into his reign and to William's future reign."



Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex, greets well-wishers at Windsor

POLICY



Prince William in a Sea King helicopter at the Search and Rescue base, RAF Valley, Anglesey, in 2011 AP

King's new focus on state duties shifts campaigning role to his heir

Prince and his father share passion for environment. By **Paul Gallagher**

Green energy, climate change and mental health are likely to be key policy areas that the Prince of Wales will continue to speak out on as he steps into his father's footsteps as a campaigning heir to the throne.

King Charles III, the self-confessed "interferer and meddler", hinted he would no longer lobby on matters close to his heart.

"It will no longer be possible for me to give so much of my time and energies to the charities and issues for which I care so deeply," he said in Friday's address to the nation.

He appeared to hand over this responsibility to his son and heir, by adding: "With Catherine beside him, our new Prince and Princess of Wales will, I know, continue to inspire and lead our national conversations, helping to bring the marginal to the centre ground where vital help can be given."

Father and son both care deeply about similar issues, such as sustainability, but there will be areas of divergence.

In 2008, Charles said that it "would be nice" if some of his charities were taken on by his sons, but added: "I don't know – it all depends on their interests."

GM crops, farming and

complementary medicine have all provoked comment from Charles during the past decades, but are unlikely to elicit anything from William, who has his own projects.

The King's charities will face change, with their patron no longer able to spend as much time working with them, or appearing at fundraisers.

In contrast Prince William, now officially the Prince of Wales, and his wife have used their Royal Foundation to focus on specific aims. Their projects centre on conservation, the early years, mental health, and the emergency services – the Prince worked as a pilot for the East Anglian Air Ambulance between 2015 and 2017.

For the past nine years, William has been looking into how experiences in early childhood are often the root cause of today's hardest social challenges, such as addiction, family breakdown, poor mental health, suicide and homelessness.

The royal website states: "Having met many people who are dealing with a range of issues, she has seen over and over again how often these

problems can be traced back to the earliest years of someone's life."

In a special foreword for *Puzzles for Spies* from children's publisher Puffin and the GCHQ, the couple highlighted their determination to be mental health advocates in the years ahead.

On the impact of the pandemic, they wrote it "affected every one of us and sadly we know the true scale of the pandemic's impact on the nation's mental health will not be fully understood for years to come".

When it comes to politics, the Prince is highly unlikely to find himself caught up in constitutional rows, as his father did in 2002 following revelations he had been "bombarding" ministers with letters attacking policy.

One minister said that Charles had become so involved in politics that he wrote a letter a week to the Government. He had not always wanted his views to be made public. Letters he wrote to a number of government departments between 2004 and 2005 were only publicised following a Freedom of Information request and a 10-year campaign by *Guardian* journalist Rob Evans.

The publication of the so-called "black spider memos" – named after Charles's scrawling handwriting – showed that he had

lobbied then prime minister Tony Blair (*inset*) and his ministers on a range of issues from badgers and TB to herbal medicine.

The Prince has not been afraid to speak out himself. In 2020, he opened the 73rd British Academy of Film and Television Arts (Bafta) awards with a speech noting that the lack of diversity, exemplified by the nominees that year, "simply cannot be right in this day and age".

He has also conducted tours in two politically sensitive parts of the world, Israel and Pakistan. In 2018 he embarked on a Middle East tour, taking in both Israel and Palestine, part of a four-day trip designed to be "non-political".

The couple's work on climate change will continue. Their Royal Foundation states that "it's clear that the time to act is now" and that nations must work together not only to overcome climate change, but also combat the illegal wildlife trade and unsustainable development and use of resources.

Prince William has spent the past few years "future-proofing" the Royal Foundation, increasing its income and ensuring his major project, the Earthshot Prize, can run without his direct involvement.

One man laying flowers outside Buckingham Palace said: "Although it's a sad event, some good will come out of it. If you look at Prince Charles and Prince William over recent years and the good they've done, I think we're in safe hands."



ROLE

William has experience in 'sharing the burden'

By Serina Sandhu

The Prince of Wales is experienced in being a working royal but his responsibilities will increase as heir to the throne, royal experts have said.

As King Charles announced in his first speech to the nation, William succeeds him as Duke of Cornwall and takes on the responsibilities for the Duchy of Cornwall.

Taking over the management of the estate will give the new Prince of Wales an income of £23m a year to cover the costs of his public and private life.

While his father spent 70 years as the longest-serving heir to the throne, 40-year-old Prince William will spend far less time in the same position and may take on more high-profile duties more quickly.

Elizabeth was 25 when she became Queen, but Charles is a far older monarch at 73.

Like his mother, he may require support to carry out overseas visits and tours, and even some domestic engagements, as he ages.

Dr Bob Morris, of University College London's Constitution Unit, said: "There could be a higher degree of burden-sharing, particularly over foreign travel and the more arduous Commonwealth visits. The Queen herself ceased to travel abroad in her 80s and, as Charles and Camilla age, it is that kind of closer support that we could expect to see."

In 2021, as heir, Charles carried out 385 engagements, while Prince William carried out 235, according to reports.

Another area where Prince William may find new duties is picking up the mantle for some of his father's favoured charities and causes.

In his speech, King Charles said: "My life will of course change as I take up my new responsibilities. It will no longer be possible for me to give so much of my time and energies to the charities and issues for which I care so deeply. But I know this important work will go on in the trusted hands of others."

Professor Pauline MacLaran, co-author of *Royal Fever: The British Monarchy in Consumer Culture*, said Prince William is already becoming acquainted with the idea of being the king-in-waiting.

"I think we already see this in action where he invited Harry and Meghan to join Kate and himself on the Windsor walkabout – at least my understanding is that this was initiated by him."

"Thus he is showing leadership and a sense of responsibility despite what his own internal emotions may be. I believe we will see him taking more responsibilities to assist his father in his new role of king."

RELATIONSHIPS

All change at The Firm as royals adjust to their new roles

The family faces many changes, not only the passing of its matriarch. By **Harry Mount**

What a fine gesture it was by the new Prince of Wales to invite the Duke of Sussex on the Windsor walkabout with their wives on Saturday.

Here's hoping the sad death of the Queen will thaw the freeze between the brothers for good. I wouldn't be too hopeful.

Prince Harry couldn't help being the last member of the Royal Family to make it to Balmoral, shortly after the Queen died. But he was among the first to leave on Friday morning, heading back to the seclusion of Frogmore Cottage, Windsor, to be with his wife, Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex.

The deeply sad death of the Queen has reset the dynamics of the Royal Family. It looks like Harry and Meghan will now get their wish – their children will be Prince Archie and Princess Lilibet.

In his speech to the nation on Friday, King Charles made a point of seeking to heal any family divisions, saying, "I want also to express my love for Harry and Meghan as they continue to build their lives overseas."

It was an olive branch. Still it also seemed to rule out that despite the probable elevation for their children – and despite Prince Harry rising one place in the order of succession – the Sussexes are unlikely to be making a royal comeback in the near future.

King Charles's accession to

the throne heightens the role of Prince William – now the Duke of Cornwall and Cambridge – and as the heir to the throne named Prince of Wales by Charles in that same national address.

The accession also accentuates the position of Camilla, now Queen Consort, and Prince William's wife, the Duchess of Cornwall and Cambridge. She also becomes Princess of Wales.

Their children, too – Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis – have now taken a real step up in royal importance, just as they start their new school and new life in their Windsor home.

While the Queen and Prince Philip were alive, the Royal Family and senior courtiers successfully worked on a strategy to concentrate attention on the royal couple and those in direct line to the throne, along with their families: Charles and Camilla; William and Kate



The Princess Royal has had an admirable pattern of royal duties



An unexpected reunion of brothers: the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, on walkabout at Windsor Castle to meet well-wishers on Saturday KIRSTY O'CONNOR/PA

and their three children. The Queen's death only emphasises that strategy. Most of those outside this inner circle will be increasingly frozen out.

That's bad news for Prince Andrew. Both King Charles and Prince William were opposed to any return to royal duties for Prince Andrew. Of course he will attend the funeral of his dear mother and will be at major state occasions but the door is not open to any official rehabilitation.

The same will not be true of his siblings, Princess Anne and Prince Edward. In recent years, they have continued their admirable pattern of public duties.

And in the absence of Prince Harry and Prince Andrew from the royal duty roster, their workload will be as heavy as it ever was.

It is expected that in due course King Charles will confer the title

of Duke of Edinburgh on Prince Edward, which was always the Queen's intention.

Charles III has, of course, had the greatest possible elevation of all. For years, he has been accused of meddling where he shouldn't – of overstepping the mark when it came to politics, architecture and the environment in particular.

But as he has said himself, that furious activity – along with the famous "black spider" memos he wrote to ministers – could not continue when he was king.

This period of official royal mourning will be particularly intense for him: from his walkabout outside Buckingham Palace and address to the nation on Friday to his whistlestop tour of the constituent nations of the United Kingdom in the coming days.

Saturday saw his accession; on Sunday he met the Commonwealth

Secretary-General. Then comes the funeral, and after that, the intensive build-up to the Coronation.

The Queen came to the throne when she was 25; King Charles is almost 50 years older.

He is very fit for a man in his early 70s but even he can't be expected to keep up much activity outside his duties – which he has always taken seriously and carried out impeccably.

These are sombre, extraordinary times. But the genius of the monarchy lies in its continuity. The Queen is dead. Long live the King.

And after an unprecedented period of public mourning, there will eventually be a return to business as usual for an institution that has lasted pretty well for more than 1,000 years.

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GOVERNMENT

Parliament to consider returning a week early

By **Arj Singh**

DEPUTY POLITICAL EDITOR

MPs are in talks about returning to Parliament earlier than planned following the autumn party conference season to make up for time lost due to the period of national mourning.

The Government is thought to be willing to discuss coming back on 11 October – a week earlier than the scheduled date of 18 October.

This would allow Labour, the Conservatives and SNP to hold their

party conferences without having to worry about sending MPs to attend Commons debates and votes.

I understand that all three party conferences are set to go ahead as they will come after the 10 day period of national mourning.

However, the Liberal Democrats have been forced to cancel their party conference which begins on Saturday, as it will clash with the Queen's state funeral on Monday 19 September.

Sources said Labour is also push-

ing for the Commons to sit before its party conference begins on Sunday 25 September.

The Observer reported concerns among senior Labour figures that they need to hold the Government to account once the 10-day period of national mourning is over.

MPs have had limited opportunities to ask questions about Prime Minister Liz Truss's multibillion-pound energy bills bailout, which was announced in the House of Commons just minutes before Buckingham Palace's first statement about the Queen's declining health on Thursday.

Parliament was recalled for two days on Friday and Saturday so MPs could pay tribute to the Queen.

CELEBRITY

Charles visited actor Grant's ill wife

By **Ellie Iorizzo**

Richard E Grant has praised King Charles III, who arranged to visit his wife before she died from lung cancer last year.

Joan Washington, who was a voice coach to stars such as Penélope Cruz and Jessica Chastain, died in September last year aged 74.

Actor Grant (*inset*), whose wife died eight months after she was diagnosed, praises Charles in his forthcoming memoir, *A Pocketful of Happiness*.



He said Charles and his wife, Camilla, sent long, solicitous letters and arranged a visit to Highgrove House around Ms Washington's medical appointments.

Grant, an ambassador for The Prince's Trust, told *The Mail on Sunday's You* magazine: "He's a well-documented fan of accents and *The Goon Show*, and as my wife was an accent coach he loved her ability to do different voices.

"They were both extraordinarily kind, visiting and so on."

FAMILY

Andrew unlikely to have role in King's court

By Kasia Delgado

Despite the Duke of York adopting a visible role following the death of the Queen, there is little chance of him fully returning to public life, royal experts have said.

Prince Andrew, who has thanked well-wishers at Balmoral and appeared in a BBC documentary marking the death of his mother, is understood to have come to terms with being excluded from any role under his brother, King Charles III.

Royal expert Harry Mount told i: "In her last years, it's said that the Queen was often leaned on by Prince Andrew for some form of comeback – not least in his surprise appearance at Prince Philip's memorial service.

"With her death, that door has closed. King Charles III and the Prince of Wales are said to be firmly

set against any comeback. He will be allowed, of course, to go to the funeral and all state occasions, but any public role is very unlikely."

While images of the Duke waving to well-wishers with his family outside Balmoral on Saturday showed that, like any son, he would not be hidden from view during the events that lead up to his mother's funeral, there is not expected to be any remarkable return to royal duties for the tarnished Prince.

Since the Duke stopped performing royal duties in 2019 due to his links with Jeffrey Epstein and his civil case in the US over allegations that he sexually assaulted Virginia Giuffre, which he settled for an undisclosed sum, he has largely been out of sight.

He is expected to return to a life

firmly behind the scenes after the Queen is laid to rest next Monday.

The Duke is understood to have spent a great deal of time with his mother in the final years of her life, often pictured riding with her, even as his public reputation lay in tatters



The Duke of York spent a great deal of time with his mother in recent years

and he was stripped of his honorary titles. This was partly because he lived in such proximity to her in the Royal Lodge at Windsor, and partly because they remained close.

It emerged on Sunday that Prince Andrew and his ex-wife Sarah Ferguson will look after the Queen's beloved corgis following her death.

But it is believed that the Duke's relationship with his brother, the King, remains strained.

However, it is also believed that in spite of this, the Duke remains hopeful that some form of public rehabilitation may be possible in the coming months.

While he is permitted to continue to use the HRH title, it was the King who advised him not to do so during his legal battle with Ms Giuffre – who had been one of many victims to have suffered at the hands of

Epstein, a convicted paedophile and sex trafficker.

There is also the question of the Duke's daughters, Beatrice and Eugenie, for whom, it is believed, he had been privately lobbying for a greater role within the family. It is understood that the Duke is now resigned to having to give up on this wish for his daughters.

As the monarchy looks ahead to a new future, it is thought that the Duke is aware that he must rehabilitate himself in the eyes of the public and will continue to seek the opportunity to serve if he is permitted to do so, along with his children.

Yet realistically Charles and William would likely be only too aware of the criticism they would receive, and the possible damage to the monarchy, if Andrew is seen to have a leading role again.

Period of reflection has given us a chance to appreciate other people above politics

SOCIETY

Sarah Sands



There has been a slight confusion over the demands of official mourning. In a constitutional monarchy it means a period of reflection, rather than a shutdown. The reflection is both collective and personal and the two institutions that have served the monarchy and the public best over these days have probably been the Church and the BBC.

The BBC has understood its role, even in the precise tone and pace of the announcement of the Queen's death – slow enough for people to take in, devoid of additional drama or mateyness. It sounded like the national broadcaster.

In that role, I was sorry that it felt it had to cancel *Last Night of the Proms*, which it could have toned down and which could have been another opportunity for unity and feeling. Imagine the poignancy of the Benjamin Britten arrangement of the national anthem.

The Anglican Church has the advantage of history, language, ceremony and the heart and purpose of the late Queen Elizabeth. The service at St Paul's Cathedral in London on Friday was attended by believers and non-believers, sharing the same profound emotion.

The events of last Thursday



A glimpse at her Platinum Jubilee in June was the last time most people would have seen the Queen in public GETTY

called for balm. We registered the ripple of shock across the front benches of the House of Commons and the sign of the gathering clouds in the statement of "concern" given by doctors.

It is consoling to slip into a pew at the back of a church and bow one's head. There I remembered looking up at the balcony at Buckingham Palace from the public stands at the close of the Platinum Jubilee pageant and wondering if we might see the Queen.

Then there she was, momentarily, a small, almost ghostly, figure with a shooting-star smile.

I realised then that I would be unlikely to see her again.

And I also thought of my father, who died this year. Many have found the Queen's death part of a tapestry of sorrow. The sight of a coffin, whether draped in the Royal Standard of Scotland or a bouquet, is the moment of recognition of death among us. And how brilliantly the ceremonial journey unites Scotland and England.

All this collective feeling has taken place while Westminster politics has been suspended. It has been a bit like hearing birdsong during lockdown. Indeed, it is the

same civil society that comes to the fore. Neighbourliness, community spirit, volunteering, keeping calm and carrying on. It was the NHS that fulfilled the role of the Church last time.

In this period of reflection, it is worth considering that Westminster politics, and the surrounding media circus, is not quite the same as the people.

When I edited the BBC's *Today* programme, I was always struck by the different conversations in Westminster and in Norfolk, where I live. Outside Westminster, particularly outside social media,

Many have found the Queen's death part of a tapestry of sorrow

the conversations were generally more humorous, less judgmental, much less self-important.

The crowds that welcomed the Duke and Duchess of Sussex outside Windsor demonstrated that. Perhaps they had not read of the rift between the brothers? Or perhaps they understood the civil society qualities of acceptance and forgiveness.

One of Meghan's accusations against the Royal Family was that they did not appreciate ambition. It showed a misunderstanding of the institution and its role. The Queen did not represent ambition, or even power, but service. Meghan must see that now and looked to me chastened as she shook hands with mothers and children rather than addressing power conferences.

As Queen Mary once said to a relative: "You are a member of the British royal family. We are never tired and we all love hospitals."

Those who predicted a kind of national breakdown of grief and widespread instability and anger underestimated the good sense of the people. As Queen Elizabeth once said: "The most important contact between nations is usually contact between its peoples." Let the people speak.

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UNITED STATES

Social media myths and misinformation may damage monarchy in US

Even official news sources can give unfair impression of Britain and its royals. By **Simon Marks** in Washington



My 16-year-old son, lucky enough to sport a US passport alongside his British one, returned from his Washington DC high school on Friday in a state of some concern.

During his class on women's history, talk had naturally turned to the death of Her Majesty the Queen. What, the teacher asked, did the 11th-graders know of Her Majesty, and how did they view her?

What reportedly followed was a slew of hostility rooted in the misinformation now commonplace on social media platforms where so many young Americans now access their "news".

One student said he loathed the Queen due to the fact that "she wrote Harry out of her will because he married a black woman".

"I didn't know how to stop them," said my lad after concluding that he was facing the same kind of tidal wave that faced Henry Fonda's character in *12 Angry Men*.

Misinformation about the UK has been prolific even on more-usually reliable American media platforms over the past seven days.

When the week began, *The New York Times* was publishing an opinion piece comparing Prime Minister Liz Truss to Enoch Powell.

By on Friday night, many of the newspaper's readers will have been listening to National Public Radio, whose reporter in London – based on a handful of interactions with some patrons of a pub – intoned that the King's first speech "kind of fell flat... the words seemed kind of stilted... and didn't really speak to the concern of ordinary Britons".

On MSNBC, further damage was being done to Brand Britain. A studio guest, former Obama administration under-secretary of state Richard Stengel, chided

From Truman to Biden A presidential roll call

The Queen met 13 of the 14 sitting US Presidents during her time on the throne – including the incumbent, Joe Biden – and in a country facing unprecedented modern instability in its own governing institutions, for many here she remained a much-beloved symbol of continuity.

She went riding with Ronald Reagan, developed a warm friendship with the Obamas and shared "automatic chemistry" with Donald Trump (inset), according to Mr Trump himself.

In 1951, a young Princess Elizabeth – unknowingly three months away from becoming queen

– met president Harry S Truman in Washington. He was still in the Oval Office when she acceded to the throne. John F Kennedy and his wife Jackie dined with the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace in June 1961.

Lyndon B Johnson, who took office in 1963, never crossed paths with the Queen.

Richard Nixon also dined with the Queen at Buckingham Palace in February 1969, and the monarch later met him at Chequers in October 1970 where they were photographed outside the prime minister's official country residence.



Americans even for being interested in the events taking place on the other side of the Atlantic. He called it a "weakness in the American character", and claimed his fellow countrymen still "yearn for that era of hereditary privilege, which is the very thing that we escaped from".

That, of course, overlooks the impact the Queen's four-state visits to the US had on the American people.

As King Charles assumes the throne, he will face complex challenges establishing a similar standing with Americans. He is, of course, no stranger to the corridors of power in Washington.

As Prince of Wales, he visited the US capital more than 20 times. He has met every single sitting President since Jimmy Carter and was warning American lawmakers – among others – about the perils of

climate change decades before most of them were willing to listen.

At COP26 in Glasgow in November 2021 he held face-to-face talks with Joe Biden, the first president to prioritise the issue across all branches of government.

The King's tasks now include forging a relationship with a US in which misinformation about the monarchy is rife.

"King Charles Is Too Political for the USA" thundered the Washington-based news organisation *Politico* over the weekend. Readers were told that the Queen had "bewitched the American public" through "her apolitical marshmallow diplomacy", whereas her "septuagenarian activist" son "may stand to forfeit not only approval among the American public – already dented by memories of his 90s affair – but also American interest in the monarchy as a whole".

That reference to the breakdown of the King's marriage to Princess Diana reflects the complexity of circumstances in which millions of Americans also view the Duke and Duchess of Sussex as maligned by the Royal Family.

America's eyes remain firmly on Britain with television networks preparing wall-to-wall coverage of the Queen's funeral, and then immediately making plans for their star anchors to return to the UK for the Coronation, whenever it occurs.

Some may consider that a "weakness" in the American character, but the news organisations here know a money-maker when they see one.



Prince Charles meets Barack Obama in 2015, on one of his US visits CHRIS RADBURN/GETTY



Britain's best diplomat

Royal send-offs How other monarchs are laid to rest

As royals and other leaders prepare to travel for the Queen's funeral, **i** gives a glimpse at how other countries mourn their monarchs.



SAUDI ARABIA
The funeral of Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud in February 2015 was held according to the strict traditions of Wahhabi Sunni Islam.

His body, wrapped in a simple shroud, was carried to an unmarked grave in a Riyadh cemetery after a prayer at the Imam Turki bin Abdullah mosque.

Thousands gathered to pay respects but flags were not lowered and government offices stayed open.

THAILAND
King Bhumibol Adulyadej's funeral cremation took place in Bangkok in October 2017, after a year of official mourning following his death aged

88. Hundreds of thousands of people lined the streets to pay respects as a symbolic funeral urn was taken by chariot to the cremation site.

Buildings were draped in yellow marigolds, and a procession with an artillery salute and music was held as part of a five-day funeral.

DENMARK
Prince Henrik – the husband of Queen Margrethe – was laid to rest aged 83 in February 2018, in a private funeral attended by close friends and family (inset, his body is carried to the hearse). He had said he did not want to be buried next to his wife, reportedly telling a Danish media outlet he "couldn't care less".

His body was cremated, with his ashes spread between the Danish waters and the private gardens at Fredensborg Palace. The Royal Court held a month of mourning.



CANADA The Queen – in carefully selected attire – waving to Canadians who turned out to celebrate Canada Day with her on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Ontario, on 1 July 2010, during her nine-day state visit. CHRIS WATTIE/AFP/GETTY

AUSTRALIA

Vote for a republic in near future ruled out as mark of respect

By Nick Duffy

Australia's Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, has ruled out a vote on the country becoming a republic while he is in his first term of office.

Mr Albanese, a Labor politician who has long voiced support for abolishing the monarchy, told Sky News that as a mark of respect for the Queen he would not push for a referendum on removing the UK's monarch as Australia's head of state.

Asked if the monarchy needed to evolve, he said: "Of course, and it has evolved, and it will continue to evolve. It will need to continue to move with the times. The bigger questions about our constitution are not for this current period."

"This is a period in which we are



Anthony Albanese said there would be no referendum until at least 2025

showing the grief so many Australians are feeling at the moment, showing our deep respect and admiration for the contribution of the Queen to Australia, and the transition, formally here, to recognise that with the Queen's passing, King Charles automatically became the head of

state of Australia."

Mr Albanese's first term in office began in May, with the next election not expected until 2025.

Australia held a referendum in 1999, when 45.13 per cent supported replacing the Queen with an elected president and 54.87 opposed it.

Polling since then has suggested that Australia's population narrowly supports becoming a republic.

The UK's monarch is the head of state in 15 Commonwealth countries, including Britain – down from 32 when the Queen ascended the throne in 1952.

The Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, Gaston Browne, yesterday said he would call for a referendum on replacing the monarchy within the next three years.



UNITED STATES President Ronald Reagan and the Queen famously ride horses around the Windsor estate during his visit in 1982 CORBIS/GETTY



RUSSIA The monarch toasts president Boris Yeltsin during a historic visit to Russia in 1994, after the fall of the Soviet Union TIM GRAHAM/GETTY



MALTA The Queen and Prince Philip are greeted in Malta in May 1954, during their major tour of the Commonwealth HULTON ARCHIVE/GETTY

DIPLOMACY

How the Queen won the Irish people's respect

King Charles III will now be keen to follow his mother's lead. By **Mark Devenport**

There's no mistaking the genuine warmth of the tributes paid to the Queen by leaders from across the Irish political spectrum.

In Belfast, Sinn Féin said that she led by example, while the Democratic Unionists called her visit to the Irish Republic a decade ago "groundbreaking".

In Dublin, the Taoiseach, Micheál Martin, described her as an "exceptional woman", while her counterpart as head of state, President Michael D Higgins, called her a "remarkable friend of Ireland".

Indeed, an opinion poll published three months ago in Dublin's *Sunday Independent* recorded a higher approval rating for the Queen (50 per cent) than for any of the Irish parliamentary party leaders.

The Queen could always count on the loyalty of unionists in Northern Ireland, coupled with a wider fascination that accompanied her celebrity status. But her popularity among many Irish nationalists is a more recent phenomenon.

The Queen's family were subjected to many threats from the IRA, culminating in the assassination of Earl Mountbatten in a bombing as he took a boat trip off the coast of County Sligo in 1979.

The murder of his favourite great uncle made Charles feel "as if the foundations of all we held dear in life had been torn apart irreparably". But it also helped him "understand the agonies borne by so many others in these islands".

Queen Elizabeth II did not return to Northern Ireland for a decade after Lord Mountbatten's death. However, with the development of the peace process in the 1990s, she channelled her loss into a determination to promote reconciliation.

This led to her four-day visit to the Irish Republic in 2011, the first such visit by a British monarch in 100 years.

She got a warm reception on a walkabout in Cork and joined then president, Mary McAleese, laying wreaths in Dublin's Garden of Remembrance – a mark of respect to the leaders of the 1916 rebellion, many of whom were executed after rising up against the British crown.

In Dublin Castle, the Queen began her speech at a state banquet with



The Queen is welcomed to Ireland in 2011 by president Mary McAleese

the Irish phrase "A Uachtarán agus a chairde [president and friends]", prompting an audible "wow" from the president.

With studied understatement, she admitted British-Irish relations hadn't always been "entirely benign", adding that "we can all see things which we would wish had been done differently or not at all".

Her carefully worded address set the scene for an encounter the following year in Belfast, when the Queen shook hands with Northern Ireland's then deputy first minister, the former IRA commander Martin McGuinness.

Since Brexit, there's been a tug of war over Northern Ireland's trading status and relations between Dublin and London have nose-dived, while unionists are currently boycotting Northern Ireland's power-sharing government in protest over the creation of an economic border down the Irish Sea.

Against this gloomy backdrop, the Queen's pride in what she dubbed the "lasting rapport" between the UK and Ireland seems a reminder of a bygone age.

For all their admiration for her, many Irish nationalists will view the Queen's passing as a further weakening of the ties that bind the United Kingdom together, potentially hastening the arrival of a united Ireland.

King Charles III has visited many parts of Ireland and shaken the hands of leaders, including Sinn Féin's Gerry Adams. He clearly wants to continue his mother's work but will be mindful of the constraints that go with his new job.

And with his own family history, he won't need reminding of the importance of what's at stake.

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SOCIETY



Paddington cards left among floral tributes reference a late chapter of the Queen's life NEIL MOCKFORD/GETTY

Some see her reign as a tale of national decline – but that's not the whole story

Ian Dunt



The reason we're sad is because monarchy is about storytelling and now a storyline has come to an end.

It's not personal grief and no one who's been through personal grief would ever mistake it for that. We're not waking up feeling hollowed-out and alone, like a part of yourself has been taken from you. It's national grief, which is softer and more distant, but also real.

Monarchy survives by telling us a story that we want to hear, about who we are and where we came from. The story is false, of course. All national stories are. The idea that the Royal Family represents continuity is mostly nonsense.

The idea that there even is a "national character" is also a myth. People from overseas sometimes assume that we're a nation of royals: stoic, well-mannered, distant. So they're understandably confused and disappointed when they visit and discover that many of us spend the weekends getting drunk and shouting in the street.

But just because all national stories are false does not make them silly. They work not as encapsulations of a country but as an expression of its aspirations: of what it wants to be, rather than what it necessarily is.

People often say that the Queen refused to engage in politics. And of course, she never made her specific views clear. But she wasn't a blank canvas, either.

Look at the difference in her public utterances between the start and end of her reign. "I declare before you all," she said in 1947, "that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong."

It's remembered now chiefly for that pledge, but it's notable really for that part at the end. The assumption of imperialism was considered so obvious and mainstream that she could wrap herself in it entirely.

One of her last public engagements came three months ago, at the Platinum Jubilee,

opposite Paddington Bear. Instead of being serious, it was silly. Instead of dutiful, it was emotional. And instead of imperialism, it was coded for multiculturalism: sharing tea with a refugee from Peru, to music by an English band fronted by a gay man born in Zanzibar to Parsi Indian parents.

This is what monarchy does. It tells us a story about ourselves. It changes all the time, but so slowly that we do not realise it.

We can fixate, as many on the further parts of the left are doing online, on that early ease with imperialism, and write her off as a colonialist. Or we can recognise the fact that she moved very easily and eagerly towards something better.

It's easy to look at her reign and tell a story of national decline: from great power to mid-sized nation. From victory in the Second World

This is what monarchy does. It tells us a story about ourselves

War to the reactionary neurosis and empire-nostalgia of Brexit. But there is another story there, which she told very well.

It's one in which we improved morally while we retreated geopolitically. One in which multiculturalism replaced imperialism. And that story is no less real just because the narrative of national decline is also real.

The sense of Britishness that she communicated was always open. It did not emphasise division, or specificity. It was designed to be as broad and all-encompassing as possible.

Immigrants who had just arrived here found it tremendously easy to associate with what she represented, just like those who had never left the country their entire lives. In a nation that finds it very easy to break down into rival camps on the basis of class or politics or culture, she was a unifying agent.

She also projected a sense of restraint and of duty, combined with occasional flashes of mischievousness. And that's not a bad little bundle of values for national personality. There are more than enough people encouraging us to be in touch with our emotions. And that's good – we should be. But it is wise not to be ruled by them, or victim to them, or obsessed by them. It is important to keep a part of your life that can operate despite your feelings.

Part of the reason we feel sad is because we've been reminded that nothing lasts forever. Everything ends, even the people that seem as if they'll always be there.

Even eras themselves. Times change. Ideas shift. We ourselves will fade from relevance, no matter how young we are today. And one day, not so long from now, the assumptions we carry in our heads will be as ancient and irrelevant as young Elizabeth's imperialism is to us now.

It's OK to feel sad about that. It's healthy. And so, even as she died, she kept telling us a story about ourselves.

MONARCHY

European royals share in the loss of a family member

'Tia Lilibet' will be missed by her cousins abroad.

By **Graham Keeley** in Madrid

Family ties united the Queen to the Spanish royal family, who referred to her affectionately as Tia Lilibet – Aunt Elizabeth. Queen Elizabeth II was the great-great-granddaughter of

Queen Victoria, who died in 1901, while King Felipe VI of Spain is her great-great-great-grandson.

"You are all in our hearts and thoughts. We will miss Her dearly," King Felipe wrote in a telegram that was sent to the British Royal family.

Both households were united when King Felipe and Queen Letizia paid a state visit to Britain in 2017.

The Queen only visited Spain once, in 1988, during a tour that was overshadowed by tensions over Gibraltar. During her tour, the Queen met Cayetana Fitz-James Stuart, Duchess of Alba. The two women spent time together during

the Second World War when they were girls in London.

The Duchess, who possesses hundreds of aristocratic titles and was directly descended from the Stuarts, curtsied before the Queen, dispelling a myth that she was more aristocratic than the British monarch.

In Spain, where about 300,000 British are residents and thousands more have second homes, tributes were paid to the Queen. The Union

flag and messages of condolence were posted on illuminated hoardings in Benidorm hours after the announcement of the Queen's death. More than 4,000 British people live in the resort and 13,000 have second homes.

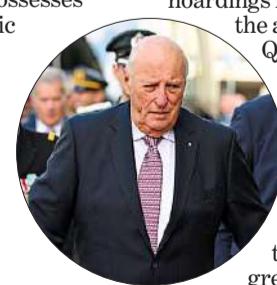
Royal families in Sweden, Norway and Denmark are also distantly related to the Queen through her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria.

King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden called the Queen a "constant

presence, not only in British society, but internationally".

King Harald of Norway (*inset*) said that for "nearly a century, Her Majesty devoted her life to the service of the Commonwealth, following the British people through good days and bad in times of happiness and sorrow".

Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, whose 50-year reign is now Europe's longest, called Queen Elizabeth "a towering figure among European monarchs and a great inspiration to us all". "We shall miss her terribly," she said in a statement released by the Danish royal household.



ANIMALS

Queen's love 'pivotal' for corgis' popularity

By Asma Day

The Queen's famous passion for corgis and her role in popularising the breed will be one of her "great legacies", dog lovers have said.

The Queen owned more than 30 corgis and dorgis (a dachshund-corgi cross) during her lifetime, with the dogs featuring prominently in public appearances – as well as in their starring role in dramas such as *The Crown*.

"The Queen was, amongst many things, a world-famous dog lover and really did symbolise the love and affection that our nation holds for their dogs," said Mark Beazley, chief executive of the Kennel Club, which

runs registers pedigree and cross-breed dogs.

"She was especially known for her Welsh Pembroke corgis after being gifted her first corgi, Susan, by her father, when she was 18."

The Kennel Club says that annual registrations for Pembroke Welsh corgis peaked at almost 9,000 in 1960, seven years after the Queen's coronation. However, numbers have fluctuated since then and in 2014, there was a record low of just 274 puppies born.

In 2021, there were 1,223 Pembroke Welsh corgis born – the highest number recorded in 30 years.

"To this day, the breed is synonymous with the Queen and she played



The Queen stands at Balmoral with one of her Corgis in 1952

a pivotal role in their popularity during the second half of the 20th century and through to modern times," said Mr Beazley.

Lynne Creech, secretary of Welsh Corgi Rescue, told **i** that the breed is so popular, they have 120 people on their waiting list wanting to rescue one.

"Corgis are great dogs and it is no wonder the Queen loved them so much," she said. "They are real characters and are children-friendly and adult friendly and are so versatile."

"They are incredibly loyal to their owners and whenever you saw photographs or footage of the Queen, they would be trotting along behind her and following her around – and

they did this because they chose to do so. I think making the breed so popular and alerting other people to what great dogs they are will be one of the Queen's great legacies."

Mr Beazley added: "We are grateful for the Queen's patronage over the years and the commitment she always showed to the dogs that she loved so dearly."

{i} Corgis featured in the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympics when they took part in a James Bond skit with the Queen herself along with the actor Daniel Craig.

MEDIA

How newspapers and broadcasters documented this moment of history

Ian Burrell assesses the coverage that's been years in the making

For those working in the British media, the passing of Queen Elizabeth II was the monumental news story they have been nervously anticipating throughout their careers.

Unlike 9/11, the Covid-19 pandemic and the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, this sad moment did not arrive as if from nowhere. Much of the coverage has been the result of years of planning.

Yet as the news unfolded on Thursday the occasion demanded a colossal response from the nation's collective newsrooms, both in recording the detail of a momentous day and in capturing the public's response to an incalculable shock.

Most people will have received the news via their phones. This was very different from the loss of Diana in 1997, when mobile phones were rare and the web was in its infancy.

News apps and websites moved instantly to put memorial images of the Queen in place of anything else. *The Telegraph*, for example, immediately uploaded an opus of an obituary, arranged over nine chapters.

The combination of preparation and internet technology meant the story went around the world like none before. It led the news



in Delhi, Nairobi and Sydney. *The New York Times*'s obit paid tribute to a "Global symbol of grace and stability in an era of upheaval".

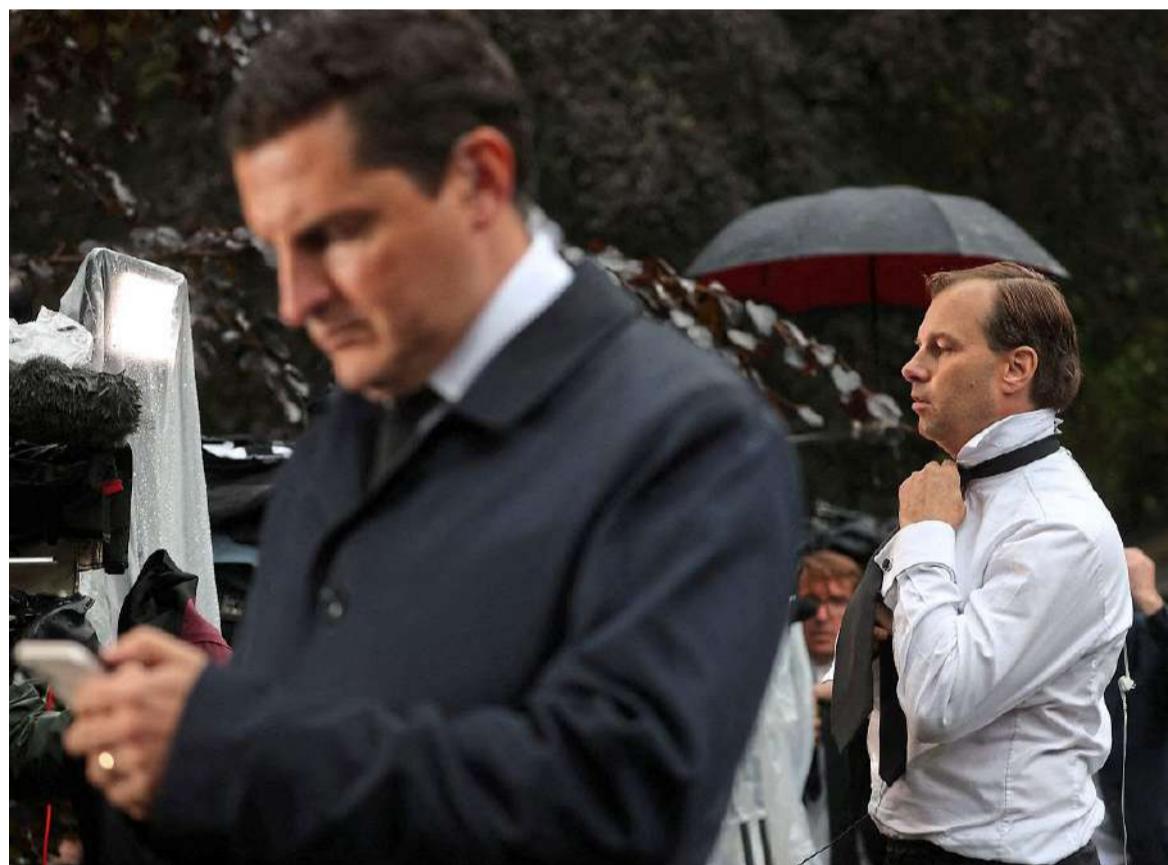
Such was the level of interest that Twitter, the social network most associated with breaking news, crashed under the weight of traffic.

To me, that failure was symbolic. It emphasised the value of British public service television in times of national crisis. The BBC responded impeccably. Its heavyweight team of Huw Edwards, Nicholas Witchell and Clive Myrie avoided breathless commentary and broke the grave news to the country in a consistently gentle tone, supported by the rich imagery of the BBC's archive.

For BBC News, this sombre time – as with the Covid-19 pandemic – has been an opportunity to demonstrate its role in a period where its political content comes under constant attack. It was a historic moment when Edwards, after more than 20 years hosting national bulletins, cemented his position alongside Richard Baker and Sir Trevor McDonald as one of Britain's great news anchors.

Both *The Daily Telegraph* and *Daily Express* opted for black-and-white treatments, a symbol of mourning that also reflected an earlier time in the Queen's reign, back when newspapers were in every home.

As I perused Friday's newsstand, I felt full of admiration for the work they contained



A TV presenter changes into black tie at Balmoral on Thursday to report on the Queen's death RUSSELL CHEYNE/REUTERS

ITV News struggled to compete but it could draw on Tom Bradby, a friend of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Sussex.

The Queen's passing feels like the end of an era in many ways. It has been a chance for newspapers to showcase the medium of newsprint with a power we might never witness again.

These were papers made to last. **i** produced a special edition, abandoning its usual admirable brevity to devote 31 pages to the story. *The Sun's* "Souvenir Edition" came in royal purple and included a 36-page tribute "A Life of Majesty", plus pictures and anecdotes from Arthur Edwards, the veteran royal photographer.

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For the ardent royalist, there

was nothing that could match the *Daily Mail*, which allocated its first 83 pages to recording the Queen's life in words and pictures. In the sports section there were five pages more, addressing her love of horse racing and special role at the 2012 Olympic Games.

The *Mail* fielded an unrivalled team of royal writers: Rebecca English, Richard Kay, A N Wilson and Robert Hardman. On the front page, Sarah Vine wrote what must be an unprecedented opening line for a *Daily Mail* splash: "How to find the words?"

The Guardian was the most understated. It noted that the atmosphere outside Buckingham Palace was "remarkably quiet", which corrected the impression given by television cameras that a gathering on the Mall represented an outpouring of public emotion. But *The Guardian* also produced a huge obituary, arranged over 15 pages and ending: "Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor, Her

Majesty Queen Elizabeth II." Its author Stephen Bates is among many journalists who have risen to this exceptional occasion, as is Valentine Low who wrote a series of analytical pieces for *The Times*.

The nation's many republicans have been temporarily ignored as mainstream media has put on hold the debate about the future of the monarchy. For that there is social media, which also hosts the poison of spiteful commentators who use this moment to brand the Queen as a malign figure.

As I perused Friday's newsstand in a Manchester Sainsbury's Local and bought a copy of every paper, I felt full of admiration for the work they contained. Some twenty-somethings walked past. What a pity they showed no interest in buying one of these products which will still have historic significance half-a-century from now, when media will be very different and, perhaps, King George VII will be on the throne.

FINANCE

A princely sum: what the King is set to inherit

The Queen was a diligent steward of her family's business affairs – albeit with a hands-off approach that may not suit Charles III. By **Andrew Hill**

Elizabeth II was one of the world's wealthiest individuals, with property holdings ranging from central London prime real estate to farmland across the country, but her ability to profit from – let alone sell – many of the assets over which she presided was limited.

Her father, King George VI, nicknamed the Royal Family "the Firm", and one former adviser to the family described the Queen as "very much the non-executive chair" when it came to business and financial affairs.

But the Queen was unlike any chair of a conventional company, and her power to act like a normal company director, entrepreneur or investor was highly constrained by legislation and tradition.

She was the ultimate authority for important decisions about a royal household of more than 400 staff, from engineers to chefs, and oversaw the running and refurbishment of palaces that are among the most famous buildings in the world. Day to day, though, many of those decisions were taken by a network of courtiers.

The Queen's managerial style was unavoidably guided by the

specific demands of constitutional monarchy and shaped by a gradualist approach to change that ruled out radical innovation.

One of the key questions facing her successor, Charles III, who as Prince of Wales was known for his hands-on approach and strong views on the environment and planning issues, is whether he will want to, or be able to, usher in a bold change to the way she conducted affairs.

What was often described, confusingly, as "the Queen's fortune" was in fact divided into a number of highly regulated areas, most of which were effectively beyond her direct control and now pass to her successor.

Her largest land and property holdings were managed by the Crown Estate, which belongs to the reigning monarch "in right of the Crown". The £15.6bn property portfolio includes large chunks of central London, such as Regent Street and St James's, as well as retail parks and countryside outside the capital. It also owns the seabed up to 12 miles out from the coast, the value of which has surged since 2021, thanks to the lucrative lease of seabed rights to develop offshore wind projects.

The chair of the Crown Estate updates the monarch annually on the state of the portfolio, but since 1760, the monarch has allowed the Crown lands to be managed on his or her behalf.

Surplus revenue goes to the Treasury, which in return makes a fixed annual payment to the monarch, at first through what was known as the Civil List, and since 2012, via the "sovereign grant".

If the Queen had a mostly arm's length relationship with the Crown Estate, she was more directly concerned with the destination of the grant. In 2016, it was agreed that the proportion of Crown Estate revenue distributed to the monarch should increase from 15 to 25 per cent, mainly to allow for a £369m, 10-year refurbishment of Buckingham Palace.

KEY REFORMS

A more direct source of independent income came from the Duchy of Lancaster, a private estate that has belonged to the reigning monarch since 1399. Its holdings cover 18,248 hectares and the Duchy's net asset value is £653m.

Those assets include farmland across Cheshire, Lancashire, Staffordshire and Yorkshire,



commercial property – notably the Savoy estate in London – financial investments, farmhouses, homes, and mining and foreshore rights.

The Queen's account, called the privy purse, benefited only from income from the estate, which in 2021-22 showed a net surplus of £24m. It was this income that, in 1990, the Queen agreed should be used to pay for other members of the royal family.

As part of a reform of the Civil List, only she – and at the time, Prince Philip and the Queen Mother – would receive money directly from the Treasury.

In addition, she said she would pay income tax and capital gains tax on the Duchy of Lancaster and on other private investments, although the government agreed that "sovereign-to-sovereign bequests" would be exempt from inheritance tax. As a result, the Duchy of Lancaster passes to her successor untaxed.

Charles was an early advocate of the idea that the Royal Family should live off Crown Estate income. As Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, though, he funded his public, charitable and private activities and those of his family from the revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall, a private estate set up by Edward III in 1337.

The Queen was closely involved in this critical phase of reform of the monarchy's finances. In 1986, a team led by Michael Peat of accountants



The Queen received money from the Treasury directly and funded her family via the privy purse ANWAR HUSSEIN/GETTY

Peat Marwick McLintock, the Queen's auditor, had reviewed the state of the royal household. Its report revolutionised royal finances. The recommendations – 188 in total in a report running to more than 1,200 pages – improved efficiency and reduced costs.

Ben Pimlott, in his biography *The Queen*, said the monarch's input was "small but notable" – she is said to have remarked, "Why have I got so many footmen?"

The changes stood her and the family in good stead when death, divorce, and scandal turned the public spotlight back on to how the monarchy was run in the 1990s.

Peat, who went on to become keeper of the privy purse – the equivalent of the Firm's finance director – was also an invaluable source of advice on her personal portfolio. Another former member of the household recalled how she asked him some probing questions about her investments in start-ups at the time of the dotcom bust in 2000.

Her private holdings also included the palaces of Balmoral in Aberdeenshire, and Sandringham in Norfolk; the royal stamp collection (excluding Commonwealth stamps that she received and held on behalf of the nation), and her racehorses, in which she took a close personal interest, both for their performance on the racetrack and for their value as breeding stock.



Those who worked with the Queen were unanimous about her work ethic and efficiency. "The Queen's very businesslike. You send a memorandum and it's back the next day, or certainly within 24 hours," one ex-courtier told Andrew Marr for his 2012 book *The Real Elizabeth*. "She didn't micromanage, but she did take the decision in principle," another former adviser told *The Financial Times*.

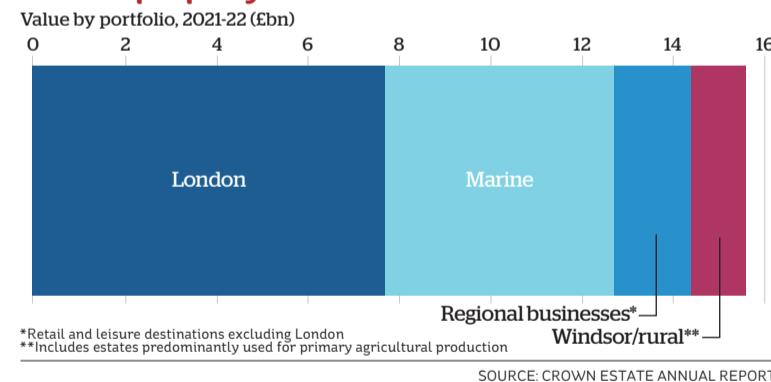
Decisions were carefully prepared by senior courtiers, who provided recommendations for her approval. "It isn't like any conventional organisation, where orders flow from above down," said one former adviser to the royal family, who described it as "decision-making by osmosis".

Lord Robin Janvrin, private secretary to the Queen from 1999 to 2007, said: "I would characterise her approach on every item as 'relentless common sense'. Of course she accepted a lot of the advice she got, but if it wasn't sensible, you jolly well knew it."

PRUDENT INTERVENTIONS
Although the Queen would always decide which events she should attend, she was well aware of the power of her office and the need to

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London property dominates Crown Estate



SOURCE: CROWN ESTATE ANNUAL REPORT

calibrate any other interventions carefully, particularly in business and financial matters.

Often, a mere inquiry from Buckingham Palace was enough to affect a decision.

According to a court official, when the Crown Estate wanted to sell a block of affordable housing in London in the 2000s, worried tenants complained to the Queen. Two carefully worded questions from the monarch nudged the estate to sell at a discount to an appropriate owner.

On another occasion, she made clear her unwillingness to let the Duchy of Lancaster offload agricultural land it had owned since the 14th century. "If it was good enough for John of Gaunt [Duke of Lancaster from 1362]," she remarked, "it's good enough for me."

As Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, her son Charles demonstrated a more hands-on approach. He personally chaired the Prince's Council, or board of directors, of the Duchy of Cornwall, which recorded net assets of £1.05bn and a surplus of £23m in its 2022 report. The portfolio includes most of the Isles of Scilly, large parts of Dartmoor, and The Oval cricket ground in London.

He was also an active manager of the estate, used to meet all its main tenants in person, and earned the affectionate nickname "the boss" from staff, according to a 2019 ITV documentary. One Duchy employee described a work ethic similar to that of his mother, with Charles returning documents with his handwritten comments within days. "It's the personal involvement

Crowns A realm of wealth

£15.6bn

Value of property portfolio managed by the Crown Estate that includes large chunks of central London, such as Regent Street

£1.05bn

Net assets of the Duchy of Cornwall, a private estate set up by Edward III in 1337. With the succession, management passes from King Charles III to his heir, Prince William

£653m

Net assets of the Duchy of Lancaster, a private estate that has belonged to the reigning monarch since 1399. Its holdings cover nearly 20,000 hectares



The Duchy of Lancaster's holdings include prime sites in central London

and the personal touch and the understanding of people's families and their lives which is what matters so much in terms of management," King Charles told the programme.

The Duchy of Cornwall now passes to his heir, Prince William. Charles groomed his son to take over as steward of the 52,450-hectare estate, including land and property, mainly in south-west England, in contrast to what he described as a "baptism of fire" when he took over the Duchy in 1969, aged only 21.

CHALLENGES FOR THE KING

Transferring a more active management style to his new role will be harder. As "the boss" of the whole Firm, the King faces more constraints on his interventionist instincts, as he has acknowledged.

In 2018, Charles told the BBC that as sovereign he would have to "operate within the constitutional parameters". Asked if he would continue public campaigning as King, he replied: "I'm not that stupid. I do realise that it is a separate exercise being sovereign."

The Queen also exercised her leadership as head of the family, another role that Charles has now inherited.

During gatherings at Balmoral in the summer, or Sandringham at Christmas, she helped set the broad tone of discussion.

At a critical point in her reign, she oversaw attempts to take a more formal, strategic view of the future, guided and assisted by her husband, who played an active part in family affairs until his death in 2021.

After the "annus horribilis" of 1992 – marked by the marital troubles of three of her four children and a devastating fire at Windsor Castle – the Queen was encouraged to set up what became known as the "Way Ahead Group", consisting of the core members of the family and senior officials. The group met regularly until about 2005, tackling longer-range issues, from the size of the official royal family to the Queen's role as head of the Church of England.

As she grew older, she also made

way for Charles, William and the younger members of the family to take up some of her public duties, in an example of sensible succession planning. As head of state during a period when British business modernised its management and marketing, the Queen was conscious of the need to adjust and burnish the Royal Family's "brand".

That brand again came under pressure at the end of her reign as the spirit of renewal heralded by the 2018 marriage of Meghan Markle and Prince Harry disintegrated into public accusations and acrimony.

The successful Platinum Jubilee celebrations of 2022 underlined how much of the family's reputation depended on her personal dedication and sense of duty.

Former courtiers have described the evolution of the monarchy's image under the Queen as a "Marmite jar" strategy, a reference to the imperceptible change in the design of the spread container, carried out so slowly that fans did not realise it had occurred.

"She would never do anything that was for quick, short-term benefit," said Sir Alan Reid, keeper of the privy purse from 2002 to 2017 and now chair of the Duchy of Lancaster's council.

Yet she was not opposed to change that made sense and often disproved courtiers who assumed she would resist modernisation.

Referring to one of the most famous political rebrandings of her era, one person who worked closely with the Queen said she was conscious of the need to change, "but we didn't want [to create] 'New Monarchy' like 'New Labour'." According to this official, her approach to conserving and advancing the Firm was like that of "the Prince", in Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa's novel *The Leopard*, who remarked: "If we want things to stay as they are, things will have to change."

It now falls to a new generation, under Charles III, to deal with growing calls to accelerate that transformation.

FASHION

How the Queen forged her style – and used design in diplomacy

Elizabeth II always knew the power of clothes, and used her outfits to great effect throughout her reign to send messages of friendship and unity – or to show she was off-duty. By **Serina Sandhu** and **Kasia Delgado**

The Queen was a fashion icon. Not because she embraced new trends, but because she always managed to stand out, choosing shades from cerise to sunshine yellow in recognition of peoples' need to "see her to believe her".

As the focal point for national pride, she had to ensure that those who had waited hours, come rain or shine, were not disappointed. But perhaps more importantly of all, she also used clothes as an act of tacit diplomacy.

For royal tours, she – with the help of a well-informed team of designers and her dressmaker, Angela Kelly – would work national colours and symbols into her outfits to flatter countries. She did the same with accessories, consistently wearing brooches with emblems of a host nation. She dressed with duty and public service at the forefront of her mind, fully understanding the power of clothes in a role as scrutinised as hers.

As a young princess coming of age during the Second World War, the Queen knew how to reflect the state of the nation with her style. Her Norman Hartnell wedding gown, for example, was made using duchesse satin

purchased with ration vouchers, as other brides would have done at the time.

Throughout her reign, the Queen was playful yet poised with her clothes, helping to strengthen national and foreign relations with thoughtful outfits. During a 2011 trip to Dublin, the first visit to Ireland by a British monarch since 1911, she arrived in green, apparently prompting "murmurs of approval", and later wore a white gown with 2,091 silk shamrocks sewn into it.

Every time the Queen performed a royal duty her dressers had to take in cultural considerations, religious restrictions, the climate and many more factors. The world's most photographed person was able to communicate with those she met through strategic choices of pattern and colour, always speaking a subtle but eloquent language with the world. "If I wore beige, nobody would know who I am," she reportedly said.

Dr Daniel Conway, senior lecturer in international relations at the University of Westminster, said she showed a pattern of using vivid colour to flatter a home nation on state visits, adding: "The Queen's jewellery had colonial and also diplomatic significance."



Trooping the Colour on the Queen's 90th birthday in 2016 SAMIR HUSSEIN/WIREIMAGE



THE QUEEN'S LOVE OF HATS

The Queen loved a statement hat and was rarely seen without one. They were practical and stylish but also went beyond that. She had at her disposal some of the best creative milliners in the world who helped her send messages to the nations she visited on tour, and to make appropriate statements when performing royal duties. Her hats, in essence, told stories.

Sophie, Countess of Wessex, the Queen's daughter-in-law, said in the documentary, *The Queen at 90*: "She needs to stand out for people to say 'I saw the Queen.' Don't forget when she turns up somewhere, the crowds are two, three, four, 10, 15 deep, and someone wants to be able to say they saw a bit of the Queen's hat."

It has been reported that the Queen's milliner, Rachel Trevor-Morgan, had strict instructions about the width and height of the Queen's hats, which

couldn't be so wide that they obscured her face and they couldn't be too tall, or she might get stuck getting in and out of a car.

In homage to the flag of Hong Kong, which features a white bloom in a sea of crimson, the Queen once wore a wide berry hat dotted with white flowers on a trip to the city state (above).

According to historian Robert Lacey, the monarch's choice to wear a hat, almost without fail, to every event was "a reminder that the Queen is indentured to a service, to a job", a sense of habit and repetition akin to that of the military.

For Charles's investiture as the Prince of Wales in 1969, the Queen wore a hat designed by Simone Mirman, and based on a bonnet worn by Tudor princesses. The hat suited the medieval castle that was backdrop to the event but at the same time, it did not draw focus from the Prince's crown, which he was receiving for the first time. >>

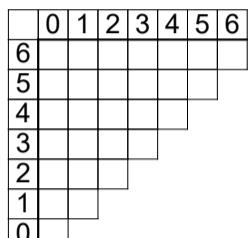
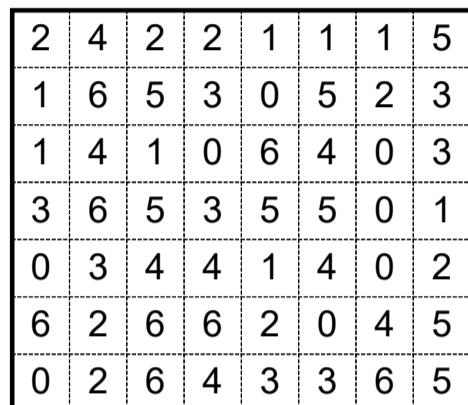


Games & Puzzles

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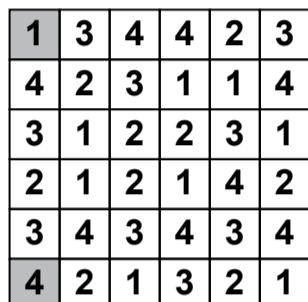
Dominoes

How to play All of the 28 domino pieces from 0-0 through to 6-6 have been placed once into the grid. Can you work out where each of them is placed?



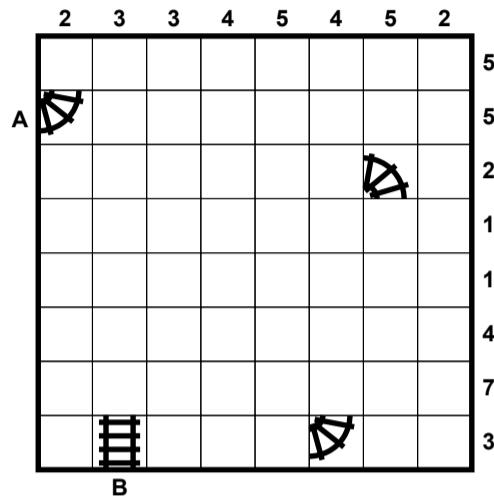
Journey Finder

How to play Move between the numbers in order 1,2,3,4,1,2,3,4 and so on, starting with the grey 1 and ending with the grey 4. On each step you may move one square in any direction (including diagonally). You must form a continuous path that visits every square exactly once.



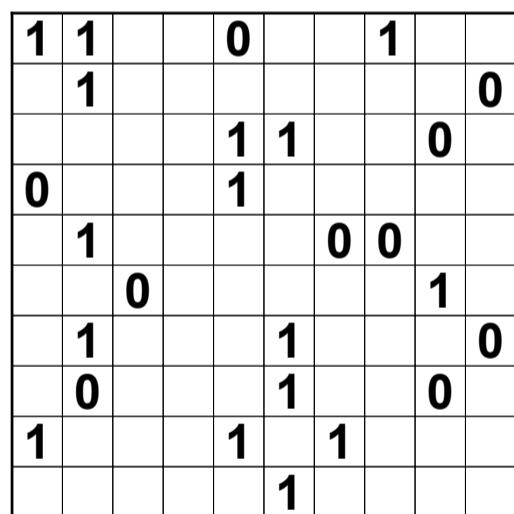
Train Tracks

How to play Numbers around the outside indicate how many squares in each row and column the track passes through between A and B. The track either passes straight through a square or turns at right angles in it.



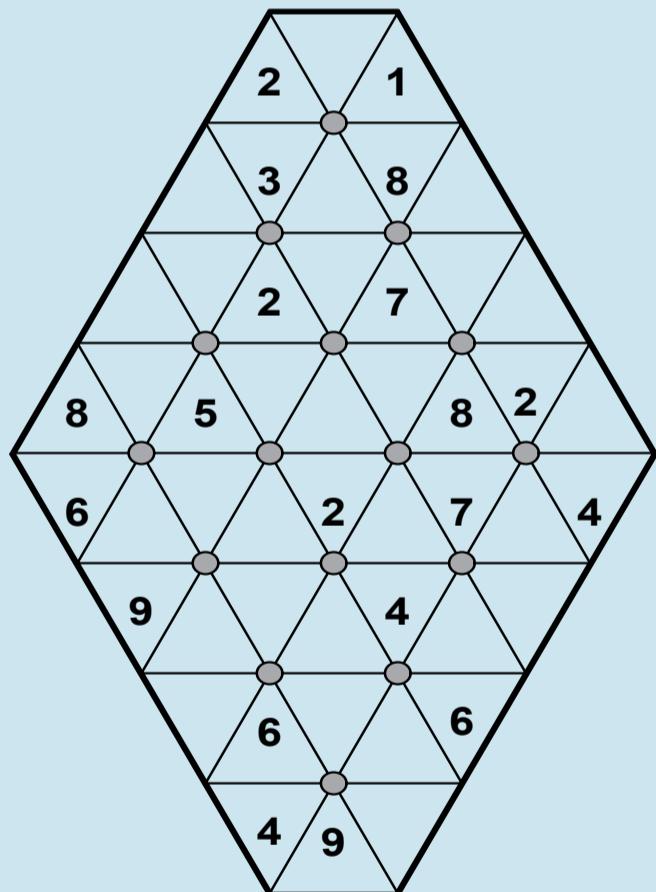
Binary

How to play Complete the grid so that each row and column contains five 0s and five 1s. The same number cannot appear in more than two consecutive squares in any row or column. In the finished puzzle, each row must have a different sequence of 0s and 1s to any other row, and likewise for each column.



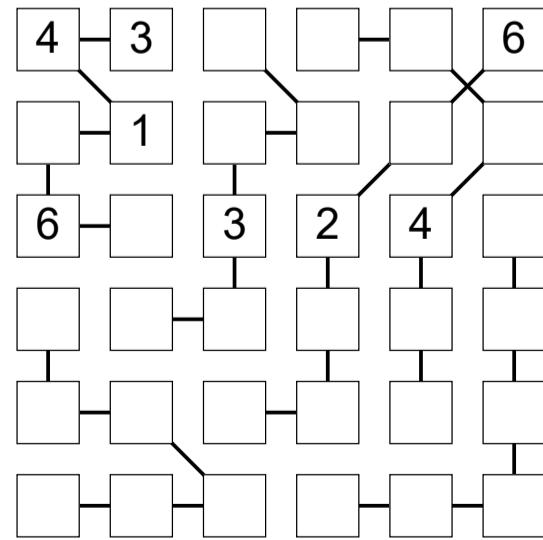
Number Hexagon

How to play Each hexagon is divided into six triangles. The sum of these six triangles is always 25. Place a number from 1-9 in each empty triangle to complete the puzzle; you cannot repeat a number within a hexagon.



Chain Link

How to play Place the numbers 1-6 in each row, column and along each series of squares linked by the chain.



Daily Quiz

- What type of thin, rectangular biscuits were originally advertised as "delightful as the town after which they are named"?
- In human anatomy, what name is given to any one of the three posterior thigh muscles between the hip and the knee?
- Which royal palace was once the site of a mulberry garden established by James I for the production of silk?
- In police procedure, what do the initials ANPR stand for?

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Pathfinder

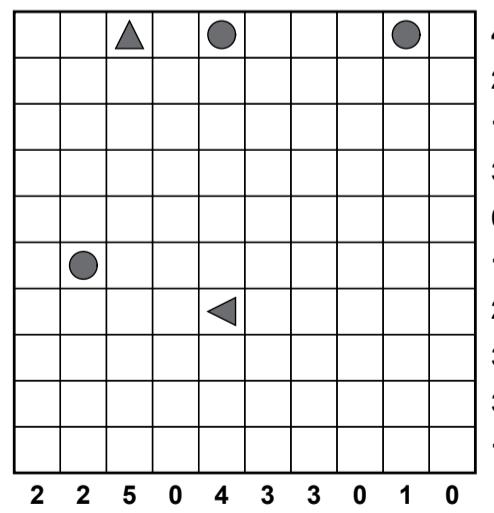
How to play Moving from letter to adjacent letter, can you create a continuous path that visits every square once and spells out all the words listed to the right of the grid? Start on the shaded square.



Amazement
Brief
Elision
Fizziest
Foolish
Husbands
Icily
Indelible
Lair
Obedient
Objecting
Oily
Overtone
Panicking

Battleships

How to play Locate the position of each of the ships listed below in the grid. Numbers around the edge tell you the number of ship segments in each row and column of the puzzle. Ships are surrounded on all sides by water, including diagonally.



Vegetable and
tofu quiche



SERVES 4

1tbsp olive oil
150g mushrooms
90g leek, sliced
1 red onion, diced
200g cherry tomatoes
160g spinach
1 packet of silken tofu
1tbsp smoked paprika
1tsp garlic granules
1tbsp ground turmeric
1tsp cayenne pepper
1tbsp hemp seeds
1 roll of premade shortcrust pastry

Preheat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas mark 4. Add olive oil to a pan and add the diced onions, allow them to cook for two minutes and then add the sliced mushrooms. Cook for a further four minutes.

Add the leeks, salt and pepper. Cook for another three to four minutes. Add the chopped-up cherry tomatoes and allow to cook for around one minute.

Add the spinach and allow to cook until it starts to wilt slightly and then remove from the heat.

Roll your pastry out on to a surface which has been lightly dusted with flour. Make sure you roll it out to fit the size of the dish you are using.

Place in the dish and cover with greaseproof paper and add baking beads on top to keep the pastry flat when it's added to the oven. Blind bake for around 15 minutes.

While the pastry is cooking, blitz the tofu, smoked paprika, cayenne pepper, garlic granules, turmeric, salt and pepper in a blender. Once the pastry is done, start filling the quiche with half of the cooked vegetables (leave some to put on the top). Add the tofu and spread it out evenly. Place the remaining vegetables on top. Cook in the oven for 25 to 30 minutes, then serve.

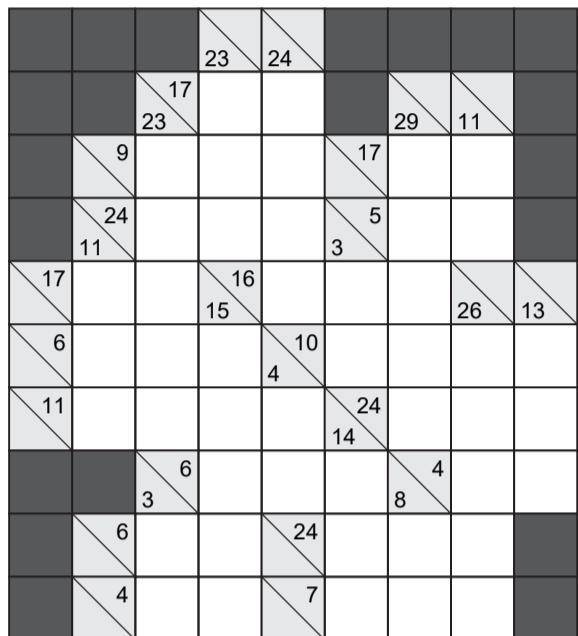
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Tomorrow
Harissa-crumbed fish with
lentils and peppers

Games & Puzzles

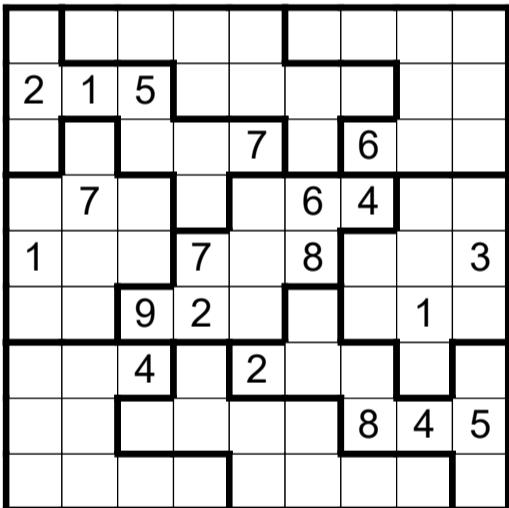
Kakuro

How to play Fill the white squares so that the total in each across or down run of cells matches the total at the start of that run. You must use the numbers from 1-9 only and cannot repeat a number in a run.



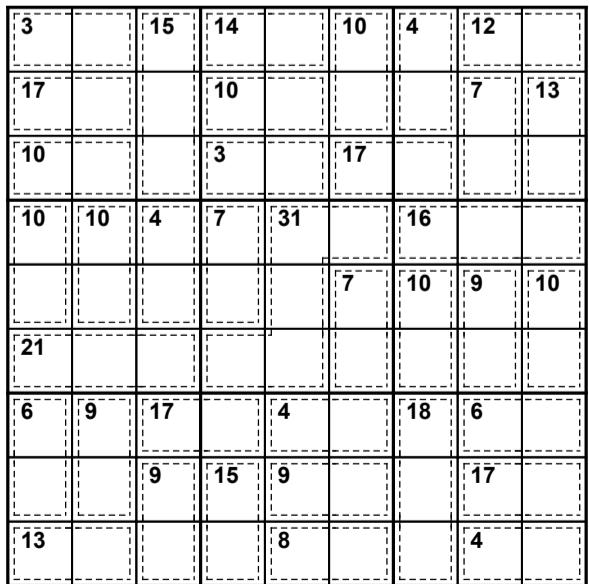
Jigsawdoku

How to play Place the numbers 1-9 once in each row, column and bold-lined jigsaw region.



Killer Sudoku

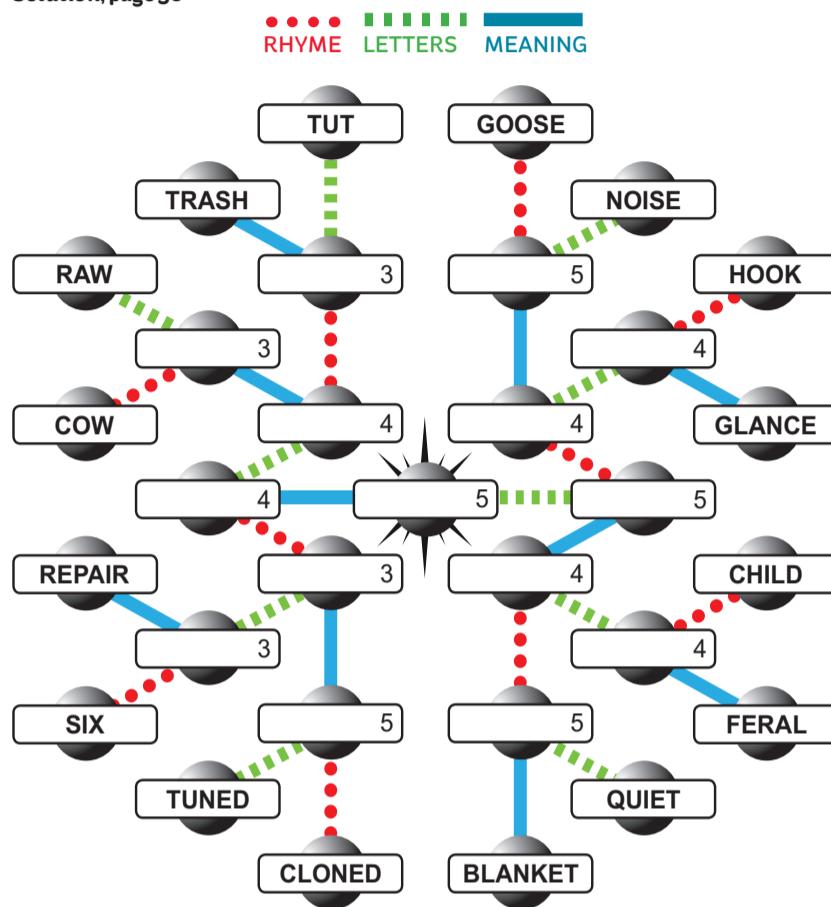
How to play Each row, column and 3 by 3 box must contain each number (1 to 9) only once. The sum of all numbers contained in a dotted area must match the number printed in its top-left corner. No number can appear more than once in a dotted area.



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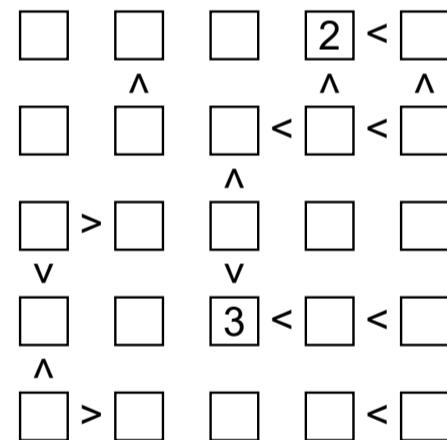
Find the missing words by following the **RHYME**, **LETTERS** and **MEANING** links – eg, a word that **rhymes** with 'cheek', has one **letter** different from 'pear' and has the same **meaning** as mountain, would be 'peak'. Full rules at zygolex.com.

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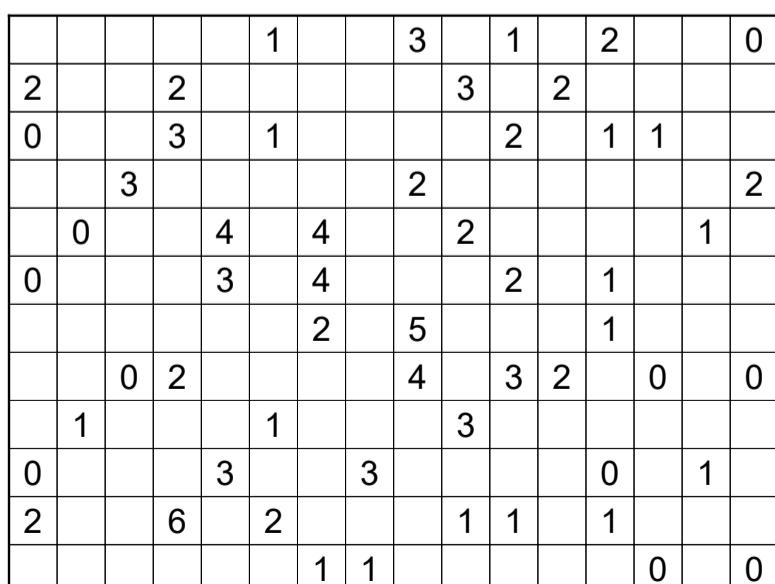
Futoshiki

How to play
Place the numbers from 1-5 exactly once in each row and column. The greater than and less than signs ('>' and '<') indicate where one cell is greater/less than the adjacent cell indicated.



Minesweeper

How to play Find all the mines in the grid. Numbers in certain squares indicate how many mines there are in the neighbouring squares, including diagonally touching squares. Mines cannot be placed in squares with numbers.



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Number Square

How to play Fill the empty squares with numbers that will make the across and down calculations produce the results shown in the grey squares. Each numeral from 1 to 9 must only appear once. The calculations should be performed from left to right and top to bottom, rather than in strict mathematical order.

Easier

4	-		x		-14
-	x		+		
3	-		-		-4
+	+		-		
÷	x				72
10	31		1		

Harder

x		-		3
+	x		-	
x		-		7
+	x		÷	
x		÷	2	14
19	20		-1	



Number Square, Word Ladder, Word Wheel, Kakuro, Minesweeper, ABC Logic, Killer Sudoku, Futoshiki, Codeword, Jigsawdoku and Wijuko created by Clarity Media.

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ACROSS

- 1 Bed cushion (6)
- 2 Get better (7)
- 3 Tall grass stalk (4)
- 8 Tap on a cask (6)
- 9 Woe (6)
- 10 Earth (4)
- 11 Geometric length (8)
- 13 Instructive (11)
- 16 Disciplinarian (8)
- 18 Founder (4)
- 19 Unpleasant (6)
- 21 Pitiable (6)
- 22 Flood defence (4)
- 23 Vitality (6)



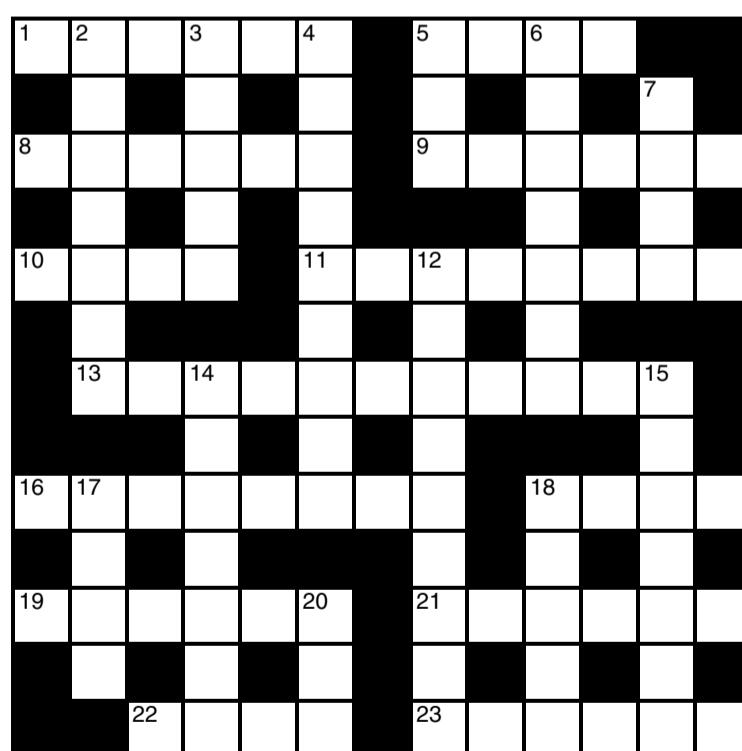
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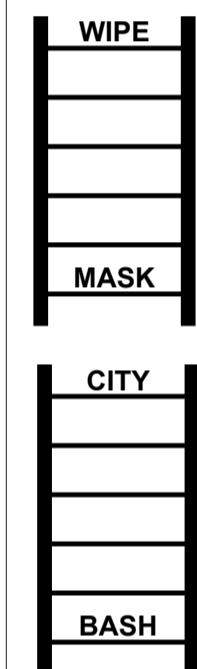
ACROSS 1 Para, 3 Deed (Parodied), 7 Blip, 8 Apparent, 9 Necessitate, 11 Latent, 13 Tether, 15 Dilapidated, 19 Bona fide, 20 Abet, 21 Defy, 22 Skit.
DOWN 1 Pile, 2 Replete, 3 Deposit, 4 Egret, 5 Faze, 6 Knitted, 10 Caribou, 12 Trinity, 14 Tie rack, 16 Agate, 17 Axel, 18 Pelt.

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Word Ladder

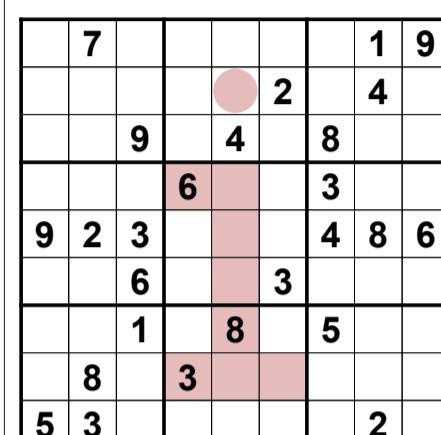
How to play

Convert the word at the top of the ladder into the word at the bottom of it, using only the four rungs in between. On each rung, you must put a valid four-letter word that is identical to the word above it, apart from a one-letter change. There may be more than one way of achieving this.

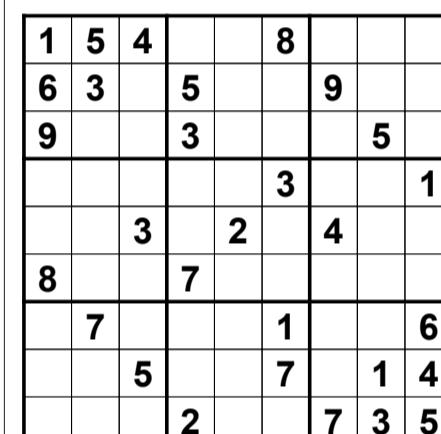


idoku Exclusive to i

How to play Each numeral from 1 to 9 must appear (once only) in the squares forming the red letter i.



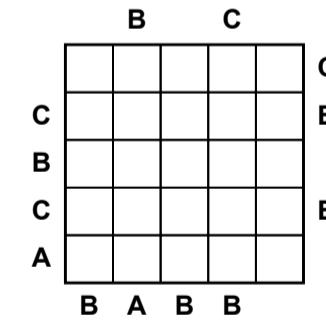
Sudoku Harder



Tomorrow: Easier

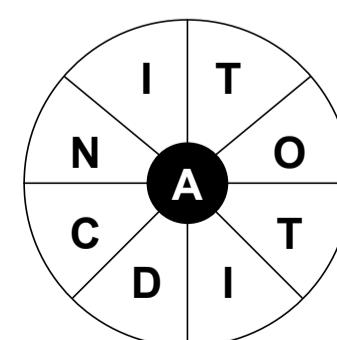
ABC Logic

How to play Place the letters A, B and C only once in each row and column. Each row and column has two blank cells. The letters at the edge of a row/column indicate which of the letters is the first/last to appear in that row/column.



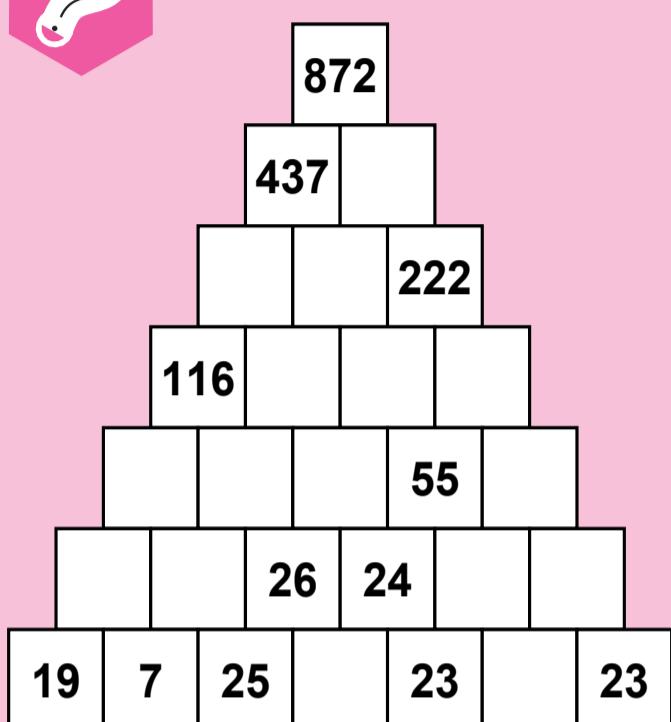
Word Wheel

How to play This is an open-ended puzzle. How many words of three or more letters, each including the letter at the centre of the wheel, can you make from this diagram? We've found 31, including one nine-letter word. Can you do better?

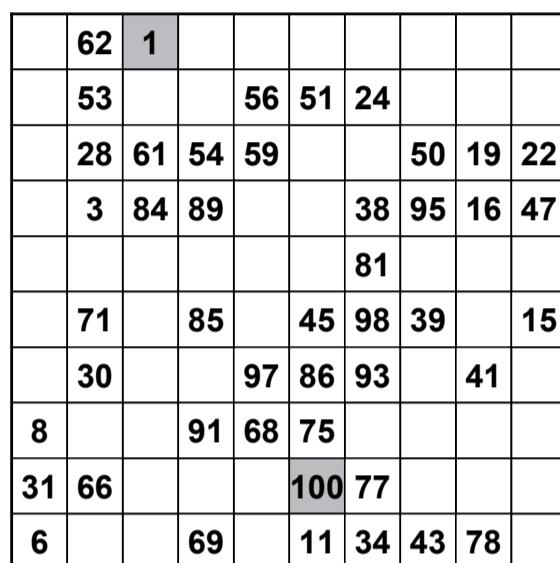


Children's Corner Number Tower

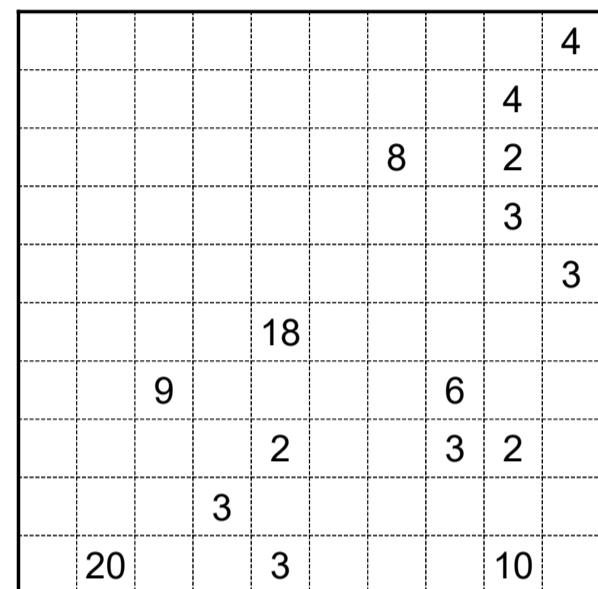
How to play The value of each square in the number pyramid is the sum of the two squares directly under it.

**Knight's Tour**

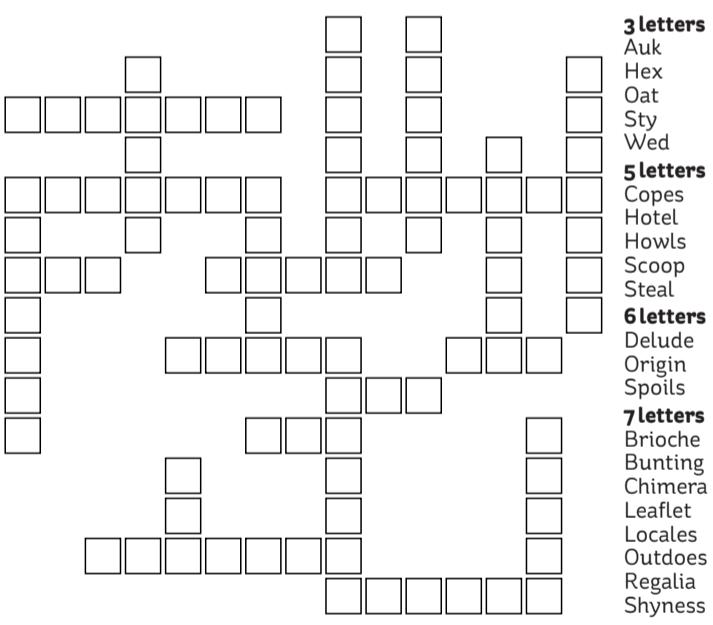
How to play A chess knight visits each square of the grid exactly once, starting at 1 and ending at 100 (these squares are shaded). Deduce the whole path of the knight - some of which is already given - and thus complete the grid. The knight moves either two squares horizontally followed by one square vertically, or two squares vertically followed by one square horizontally.

**Rectangles**

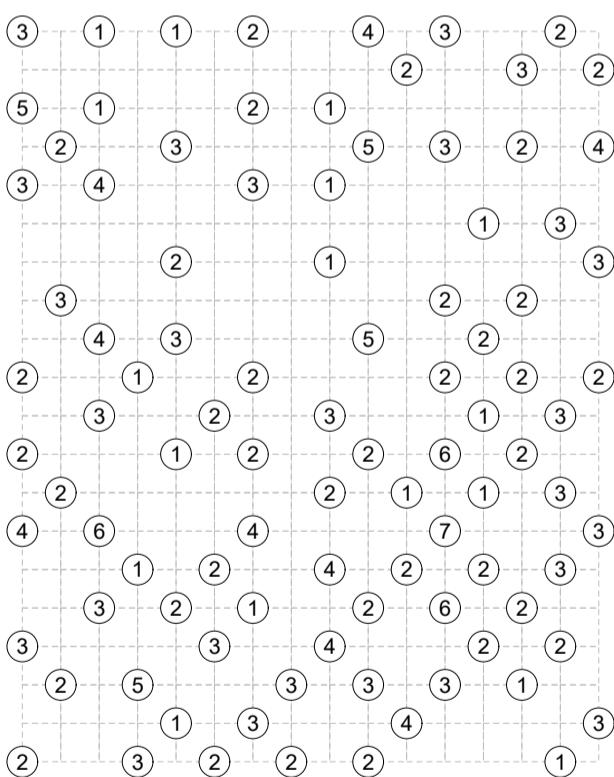
How to play Divide the grid into a series of rectangles or squares, such that every cell in the grid is in exactly one region. Numbers indicate the size of each region: for instance a "7" in a cell means that cell is part of a region that contains seven cells in total. There is only one number in each region.

**Word Fit**

How to play Can you fit all the words into the grid to complete the puzzle? Some words may initially fit in more than one place, but there is only one way to fit all the words together to complete the grid.

**Bridges**

How to play Connect every island (represented by circles) into a single interconnected group. To do this draw bridges between islands. The number in each circle states how many bridges must be connected to that island. Bridges cannot cross each other, can only be drawn horizontally or vertically, and there can be a maximum of two bridges between any pair of islands.

**Word Square**

How to play Simply answer the clues alongside the grid, writing the answers in the respective rows. The solution must read the same horizontally in each row as it does vertically in each column.

Fair totally
Luxurious car (abbreviation)
Leave out
Plant containers

Word Search

How to play The classic word-search puzzle: find all the words in the grid. Words may be hidden horizontally, vertically or diagonally and in either a forwards or backwards direction.



ARABIC
CROATIAN
CZECH
ENGLISH
FINNISH
FLEMISH
FRENCH
GERMAN
GUJARATI
ITALIAN

JAPANESE
JAVANESE
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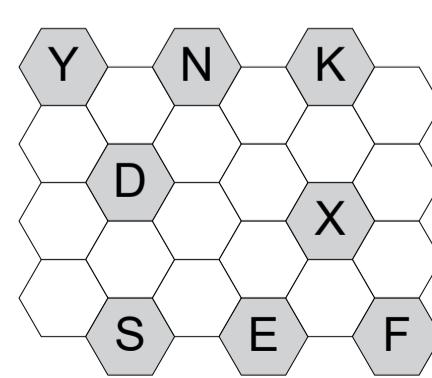
How to play Place the numbers 1-6 once in each row and column, obeying sums in bold-lined regions. The number in each region indicates the total for the region, and the symbol shows which type of operation should be applied to the numbers: addition, subtraction, division or multiplication. Numbers may repeat within bold-lined regions. With subtraction always take the lower numbers away from the highest number in a region, and with division divide the highest number by the lower numbers.

20x	10+			16+	
		2x		9+	
13+		8+			
12+		2-	2-		7+
			9+		
	15+			3x	

Hexalex

How to play Place each of the letters below once into the empty hexagons, crossing them off as you do so. Enter the letters in such a way that it is possible to find all the words listed alongside the grid by moving from hexagon to adjacent hexagon to spell out each word.

A B C G H I J L M O P R T U V Z



CRUMBS
FIVE
GODLY
JOBS
JOGS
MURK
PUT
SHE
TURN
TUX
VIA
ZAP

**WHEN THE QUEEN'S CLOTHES PROVOKED DEBATE...**

The Queen's dress-maker Angela Kelly was responsible for some of the monarch's most iconic recent looks, including the so-called EU hat the Queen donned at the 2017 State Opening of Parliament (left). The design and colour scheme of the hat had an uncanny resemblance to the EU flag. The publicly apolitical figure was making a statement about Brexit, commentators concluded.

But Ms Kelly said it never occurred to her, or to milliner Stella McLaren, that the hat would send a message, calling it a "coincidence" that made her smile. STEPHEN ROUSSEAU/GETTY

**THE QUEEN'S CLOTHES MADE A STATEMENT AT OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

Ms Kelly was also behind the Queen's salmon pink dress for the London 2012 Olympics Opening Ceremony, the quietly opulent gold frock she wore for the Diamond Jubilee Concert that same year and her optimistic buttercup yellow outfit (right) for the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in 2011.

GEORGE PIMENTEL/WIREIMAGE

**USING COLOUR TO SHOW WARMTH**

The Queen wore emerald green during her historic visit to the Republic of Ireland in 2011, here meeting a fishmonger in Cork. The colour was seen as a nod of warmth to the host nation GETTY

**WHEN PROTOCOL MEANT THE QUEEN HAD TO ABANDON COLOUR...**

The Queen loved bold colour blocks and patterns, but for her engagements with the Pope at the Vatican, she followed protocol with a sombre, dramatic black outfit, with a black veil. GETTY

**THE QUEEN'S OFF-DUTY LOOK REMAINED THE SAME**

The Queen largely had the same off-duty look throughout her reign as she enjoyed her time in the countryside in England and Scotland. Her headscarf, tweeds and jackets gave a sense that really nothing changes, that the Queen was a constant, always there, committed to her country and her roots.

On the left she is pictured in the 1950s, enjoying a walk at Balmoral. On the right, she is off-duty in 2021, a headscarf signalling she is relaxed and enjoying nature.

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**THE QUEEN'S OUTFITS IN A CRISIS**

When the Queen recorded an address to the nation during the pandemic – her first such message, aside from her annual Christmas speech, in decades – she chose a bright green dress and turquoise brooch. Many believed her choice of dress colour was a nod to NHS workers.

The Queen has left the world many legacies, and fashion is one of them. In all her years of dressing for the public eye, she never seemed to put a foot wrong. Her clothes might have reflected the times, but ultimately they reflected the Queen, her power, her sense of duty and her commitment to the role of being Queen Elizabeth II. CHRISTOPHER FURLONG/GETTY

Opinion

Quote of the day



Dancing makes me happy. I still have lessons; you switch off for an hour and feel the music

Sir Vince Cable
The former Liberal Democrat leader on an enduring hobby

PRINCES' REUNION



Queen's death has some solace

Sunday People

Prince William masterminded the perfect tribute to the Queen by reuniting with warring brother Harry. The once inseparable princes stood side by side to help the nation begin the tough process of grieving for Her Majesty. (Russell Myers)

The Mail on Sunday

William and Harry, and their wives, Catherine and Meghan, reunited for the first time since 2020. How sad that it took such a tragic event as the death of her late Majesty to make it happen. If only they could have managed it during her lifetime. (Sarah Vine)

THE REIGN OF CHARLES III



What future may hold for new King

The Sunday Times

As King, Charles has a high standard to meet in judgement and awareness of the role's constitutional limits and requirements. This is an opportunity for Britain to reflect on the values it holds dear and on what it will stand for in the new era. (Editorial)

The Observer

He gave some important hints about how he will approach his new role, acknowledging that it will require him to step back from the charities and issues on which he has worked. A big test will be whether he is able to step back from being political. (Editorial)

LIZ TRUSS'S FIRST DAYS



PM has made a pretty good start

Sunday Mirror

I know she isn't everyone's cup of tea, but I think Liz Truss has made a pretty good start as Prime Minister. I like her diversely representative Cabinet, even though it is posh-heavy. And I like that she has tackled the energy price crisis head-on. (Saira Khan)

The Sun on Sunday

Football is the least of Liz Truss's worries. But football will ignore the potential impact of the current economic situation at its peril. And what Ms Truss does about the issues affecting the sport will have long-term implications. (Dan King)

UKRAINE INVASION



Russian aggression not going well

The Spectator

Russia's ever-thinning army is being torn between two fronts in Ukraine: in the north and south. It is struggling to defend either and leaving behind ammunition. But this is also coming at a cost to Ukraine: counteroffensive was always going to inflict heavy casualties. (Svitlana Morenets)

The New York Times

The autumn and winter will supply answers. First, how much territory can Ukraine liberate from Russian occupation? Second, how grim will the European winter be with normal Russian energy supplies cut off? (Ross Douthat)

SPORTING FIXTURES



Is there a right way to mourn as a nation?

New Statesman

Football matches have been cancelled. Rugby and cricket fixtures, however, have not, which surely raises questions over whether the thing motivating decision-making is "respect for the Queen" or "likelihood of getting monstered by the tabloids". (Jonn Elledge)

The Independent

The age-old idea of mourning is a good one: to take time to respect the life of another before we collectively move on. But can we modernise the old-fashioned idea of mourning and make it work for our 21st-century values? (Adam Bloodworth)

US OPEN CHAMPION



Swiatek wins her first New York title

Washington Post

Iga Swiatek made herself at home at the tournament's final and staged as quiet a dismantling as Arthur Ashe Stadium has seen in some time. Her triumph over Ons Jabeur on a hard court represents a crucial expansion of her game should she want to dominate women's tennis year round. (Ava Wallace)

Forbes.com

Swiatek will end 2022 having won two of the year's four majors and clearly entrenching herself as the best woman in the world. She has proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that she is not just a clay court specialist. (Adam Zagoria)

The Opinion Matrix

COMMENT FROM HOME AND ABROAD

Life In Brief

BILL TURNBULL JOURNALIST

Bill Turnbull, the journalist and broadcaster who died aged 66, once accidentally said the C-word on live television. "Within an hour, it had been viewed more than two million times!" he once said in an interview. "That does add to the pressure of being on air a little bit."

Turnbull was best known for presenting the BBC Breakfast show from 2001 to 2016.

During his career he also worked as a reporter on BBC Radio 4's Today programme covering stories in the UK and abroad. As a Washington correspondent, he covered the OJ Simpson trial. He shared that he had been shot at once or twice over the course of his travels.

Turnbull also presented Songs of Praise and his own show called Think Tank. He appeared on Mastermind and Who Wants to be a Millionaire?

On Strictly Come Dancing in 2005, he managed to come an impressive sixth, despite a minor injury.

However, it was his appearance on a celebrity version of The Great British Bake Off in 2017 where he made the biggest impact. The show was supporting cancer charities, and while filming, Turnbull was diagnosed with prostate cancer and told viewers. The cancer was the cause of his death.

After he went public with his illness, the number of men getting tested for prostate cancer rose by 250 per cent, which was partially attributed to Turnbull, and the thing he said he was most proud of in his career.

William Turnbull was born in Guildford, Surrey. His mother was a teacher and his father worked as a commodities broker. He said in an interview with Lynne Allbutt: "I grew up on a small-holding with hens, geese,

sheep, pigs and heifers and I think that's rubbed off on me." At the age of eight, Turnbull was sent to boarding school near Ascot, where corporal punishment was used. He did not enjoy the environment and considered suicide.

Turnbull took entrance exams for Eton but missed out on a scholarship. He attended nonetheless.

"The drawback is that people can think you're a toff for having been there," he said. "And we were fairly low down the socio-financial scale of families who send their sons."

Turnbull did not get the grades for Cambridge – he claimed this was due to a lack of preparation on his part – but studied politics at Edinburgh University, where he developed a passion for student journalism.

He went on to graduate from the Centre for Journalism Studies at Cardiff University.



His first job was as a trainee reporter at Radio Clyde in 1978.

He said: "I arrived as a public school-educated graduate who thought he knew everything. For six months they kicked me around the newsroom and I was miserable, but it did me the world of good. It shaped me."

In 1988, Turnbull married Sarah McCombie. They have three children: Henry, Will and Flora.

Born 25 January 1956
Died 31 August 2022
Izin Akhabau

My View

Ian Birrell



No time for complacency

Ukrainian forces' lightning push east confirms the value of our support

I first met Maria Avdeeva, an expert in cyber security, in early February when we had a coffee in a chic Kharkiv cafe to discuss the looming threat of invasion by Vladimir Putin's circling forces.

Since then she has seen her home city ripped apart by Russian troops, while becoming a bit of a social media star with brave updates from the battlefield speaking direct to her phone against disfigured backdrops. We have stayed in touch.

When we spoke on Saturday, she told me more stories of the sort that have become horribly familiar in recent months of Russian atrocities and terrified Ukrainian citizens forced to hide in basements for months to survive.

Unsurprisingly, Maria sounded weary. Kharkiv is still being shelled daily, something I saw and heard returning there for 10 days in May. But this time, there was something different, something she said "gives me a lot of joy and hope". For she was telling me about events in a village almost 40 miles from Kharkiv that was liberated last week in the stunning counter-offensive by Ukraine that might just prove to be a decisive turning point in this dispiriting war.

Kyiv's forces punched through the front line in a rapid drive forward – which seems to have become something of a rout as Putin's soldiers and stooges fled – recapturing several key towns along with more than 1,000sq miles of stolen land.

This is the latest chapter in the remarkable story of Ukraine's resistance against a fascistic dictator who sought to crush their freedom in a few days with the world's second-biggest army.

Putin proclaims himself the successor to Peter the Great, but is instead destroying Russia's reputation in a botched bid to shore up his corrupt regime. Conflict is inherently unpredictable, so we do not know how his stupid war will conclude. But we can see clearly that the Kremlin's plans have gone astray. First there was the failure to capture Kyiv. Now its fleeing troops have abandoned positions in towns such as Balaklyia, Izyum and Kupyansk – and there is a swelling chorus of concern from distraught Russian nationalists who fear a looming defeat.

The speed of Ukraine's recent advance indicates smart military tactics, in sharp contrast to their flat-footed foes who showcase only



Ukrainian soldiers hold a flag on a rooftop in Kupyansk, a town east of Kharkiv hosting vital rail connections REUTERS

the plodding style of top-down autocracy. It is too early to tell if all the talk of a major attack on Kherson, hundreds of miles along the front line to the south, was really a diversion or – as I suspect – led Russia to shift its best forces there and thus exposed a weak point in their lines that has been cleverly exploited by Ukraine.

Wise commanders keep all options open, with a range of plans in their pocket. Regardless, Kyiv has again exposed the complacency of conventional wisdom – this time all those siren "expert" voices that said they would struggle to make significant territorial gains or retake urban areas.

Suddenly Russia is losing, but it has not yet lost. Putin retains about one-fifth of the country he invaded, so there is still a long way to go in this cruel conflict.

Ukraine is also suffering painful losses. Although hard to verify, one Swedish volunteer spoke last week of being among only three surviving members of his 22-person platoon still able to fight.

Yet Moscow's forces, hollowed out by years of corruption, have made surprisingly little progress in the Donbas, their morale seems pitifully low and they struggle with reinforcements. Last week we saw the most senior Russian officer fall into enemy hands since the Second

World War. Now these losses of key towns further hamper their supply lines, already hit hard by Western-supplied advanced missiles systems that can strike ammunition dumps much further behind the front line than earlier in the war.

This unexpected breakthrough is timely. It lifts spirits in Ukraine as winter looms, and among allies as the energy crisis bites hard.

The lightning advance underlines the need to rush as many weapons and as much logistical support as possible to Kyiv to aid their fight for freedom. Forget appeasement: this is how to ensure the fighting, deaths and misery ends as soon as possible. There can be no sustainable peace

Putin retains about one-fifth of the country, so there is still a long way to go in this cruel conflict

until Putin is driven off all their terrain, including Crimea.

This success shows the defeatists and doubters that Ukraine can win its struggle for survival if given the right supplies and sufficient weapons – although only if their fortitude is matched in their fellow democracies far from the front line.

Sadly, there are some signs of cracks emerging in the European alliance that has proved so wonderfully strong since Putin launched his full-scale attack in February. This month's election in Italy is particularly alarming, since it is predicted to see two hard-right parties with past ties to Russia's president return to government.

Matteo Salvini, the bigoted leader of the League who once heaped praise on Putin, claims sanctions are not working. Yet the World Bank says Russia's economy will shrink this year at its fastest rate since the Soviet Union's collapse. And last week one oligarch allegedly offered Ukraine \$1bn (£860m) if the UK would lift restrictions imposed on him, which indicates the policy is inflicting pain on the Russian elite.

There are also signs of dissent emerging inside Russia. These do not come from the democrats, liberals and peaceniks, largely silenced by Putin's repression, but from pro-war bloggers infuriated by military setbacks, and nationalist cheerleaders with ties to the armed forces who fear that their nation faces humiliation.

They puncture the Kremlin's pretence that the "special military operation" is going according to plan as they highlight the "catastrophe" of retreat and predict "the complete defeat of Russia".

Let us hope that the Ukrainian advances we have seen in recent days show they are right – and that people such as Maria can focus soon on rebuilding their lives, their cities and their country after months of suffering.

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It comes down to character

Much is being said about how dutifully the late Queen Elizabeth inhabited her role as monarch. Without doubt, she was dedicated, hospitable and wise.

But her character was consistent. She was not playing a part, but being herself.

RALPH MELOY
 SAFFRON WALDEN,
 ESSEX

Sneaking admiration

I could never be described as a royalist but I have always had a liking for Prince Charles (as he was then) and this has remained now he is King, as his heart looks to be in the right place.

I do hope he is genuine in his stated beliefs and holds our political leaders and their ministers to account and where necessary speaks out publicly.

ROGER DRAYTON
 HALIFAX,
 WEST YORKSHIRE

i edition is one to cherish

Along with my copy of the Sydney Morning Herald's "First Man on the Moon" report in 1969, and my copy of Leicester Mercury's story about the re-interment of King Richard III in 2015, I shall be keeping i's excellent reporting of the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

Some events just call for an actual newspaper.
MARY HODGSON
 COVENTRY

Coronation with less ermine

When it comes to pass, does King Charles III's coronation ceremony need to be as elaborate



Pictures of the Queen have been on advertising hoardings across the nation. This one in Piccadilly Circus, London, is one of the larger ones **GARETH COPLEY/GETTY**

as that of our late Queen? A slimmed-down version would surely be more appropriate with less pomp and expenditure on ermine and coronets.

Our present economic situation calls for such measures.

RODNEY JONES
 TIMPERLEY, CHESHIRE

Dissenters come forward now

Michael Day, writing that "Republicans can grieve, too" (i weekend, 10-11 September), asks us to "respect the rights of others to grieve", which is as it should be.

But when the monarch takes advantage of this

period of mourning to foist a new "Prince of Wales" on a country which was bitterly divided over the same title being granted to him, you have to ask how wise the dissenters are to stay quiet.

JON SUMMERS
 BLACKWOOD,
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worthwhile target for reform at the moment is the House of Lords. There are too many of them of whom too many don't seem to do much.

BOB FENELL
 BROMLEY,
 GREATER LONDON

UK's saddest day indeed

"Our country's saddest day", you report Boris Johnson saying of the Queen's death. Interestingly, he doesn't mention the others in the recent top three, Brexit and him becoming Prime Minister.

KATHERINE SPEED
 POOLE, DORSET

Absurd decision on football

Congratulations to Sam Cunningham for highlighting the absurdity of postponing the weekend's football matches (i weekend, 10-11 September). It causes so

much inconvenience to so many fans.

KEN GORMAN
 POULTON-LE-FYLDE,
 LANCASHIRE

Smart roads and dumb words

It's reported that Nick Harris, boss of National Highways, defended smart motorways at the inquest of Nargis Begum, saying: "Overall, they are safer." I am incensed. Smart motorways were a not-so-smart move to avoid expenditure on proper improvements to our road system.

One unnecessary death is one too many.

JOHN ANDERSON
 ALNWICK,
 NORTHUMBERLAND

Managed motorways are safer – or would be if they staffed the cameras and signage adequately.

But the benefit is from the management, not the loss of the hard shoulder. In my 14,000 miles

a year I regularly see stationary vehicles on M6 and M62 shoulders.

It's a reasonable assumption that these would still have had to stop had there been no shoulder, so these cannot be "incredibly rare events" as Nick Harris contends.

STEVE TAYLOR
 LIVERPOOL

A waste of time and energy

After yet another Formula One race, what is it all for? We have an energy crisis, and carbon reduction and global warming to address.

What is the purpose of cars driving round and round in circles at great speed, and then the F1 circus travelling all over the world to do the same thing time and again?

It must be the most unsustainable activity – and it's called a "sport"?

SIMON WILLIAMS
 LYME REGIS, DORSET



Republicans have joined royalists in paying tribute

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Clarkson's zesty zeal gives new life to 'Millionaire'

ENTERTAINMENT

Clive Martin

In a time when the "entertainment" section of TV streaming platforms is dominated by Phillip Schofield vehicles, knackered Simon Cowell franchises and endless reruns of *Pointless*, it can feel as if the grand tradition of shout-at-the-screen, prime time TV has fallen by the wayside.

Perhaps, this is why ITV is currently riding a lot of its hopes not on a new, over-complicated game show – but on a classic of the genre. *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?* returned to our screens on Saturday, with a host who has successfully won over the sceptics.

When Jeremy Clarkson took over hosting duties of *WWTBAM?* back in 2018, it barely piqued my interest. I assumed it was just a desperate, hackneyed shot at reviving a known format, a one-series wonder.

A few years later, and I'm quite sure it's the best non-scripted show on TV. To me at least, it feels like the only show on television.

For a moment in time, it really was the only thing on the box. Like so many other questionable hobbies, I first fell into it during lockdown. As the scheduled recordings of other programmes began to rapidly drop off, *WWTBAM?* had reserves in the



Jeremy Clarkson's 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?' is like 'Top Gun' but with nervous school teachers instead of pilots

arsenal – lasting well into banana bread season. My girlfriend and I started to watch it, for no other reason than to bear witness to the recent past: to hear the sound of a live studio audience, to see bear hugs and handshakes, to watch something that felt vaguely alive.

By the time the unaired episodes dried up, we were hooked – moaning about contestants who played it too safe, tapping into strange gamblers' fallacies and saying "she's gonna go all the way" at anyone who got the £64,000 question right.

Of course, it wouldn't be the first time I'd fallen under its spell. *Millionaire* is quite simply a scintillating format, one which

birthed one of the biggest British TV hits in recent decades – exported worldwide in both civilian and celebrity versions. Yet unlike so many other reboots, and franchise restarts – the Clarkson version actually improves on the original. It's *Top Gun: Maverick*, but with nervous primary school teachers instead of fighter pilots.

The catalyst for the show's success is Clarkson himself. As you'd imagine, having one of the most cantankerous figures in British life sitting in the host's chair adds a sense of bite to the proceedings, but that isn't the only thing Clarkson brings to the show.

Predictably, he has no time for

dilly-dallyers, lily-livers or those who need to use a lifeline on a £300 question, but the programme lives and dies on a sense that he just loves the show. At times, it feels he's almost obsessed with it, the pub quiz master who wishes he could join the ranks.

When a contestant has a run of luck, or finds themselves stuck on a nightmare 50:50, Clarkson is right there with them. The introduction of the "ask Jeremy" lifeline brings him right into the action, creating much amusement when someone gambles on a question about First World War tanks yet defers to him on Cardi B.

For all his reputation, Clarkson appears as a strangely human

The relationship had the feel of an unlikely buddy comedy

figure – a problematic, sympathetic, occasionally enamoured emcee. Unlike Chris Tarrant – with all his showbizzy detachment – Clarkson lives it, like a retired footballer-turned-manager who air headers every half-chance from the bench.

When most quiz shows are dominated by smug comedians in shiny suits reading the answers off cue cards, it's quite an invigorating change of dynamic.

When legal assistant Conor Kim had to ask Jezza whether Keith Richards or Keith Chegwin was the guitarist in the Rolling Stones on the £100 question, you certainly feared the worst. Yet the two of them went on an extraordinary journey of blind luck and deep-mind knowledge, eventually leaving Kim to walk away with £125,000. At times, the relationship had the feel of an unlikely buddy comedy, an odd couple farce with a happy ending. By the end, Clarkson was flabbergasted in a way that only *Millionaire* and a Lexus LFA can leave him.

Ever since those first days of lockdown, I've tried to get other people into the show.

Most of them look at me with understandable suspicion. But every friend who pushed past their initial doubts and got round to watching it instantly understood.

"Why did I not know this was on?" asked one new believer.

Sometimes little things can turn that frown upside down

HEALTH

Rebecca Reid

can be an inexpensive thing – at least compared to a weekly shop, a childcare bill or gas and electricity. It's the kind of money that you probably shouldn't spend, but that you probably just about can.

You can find lipsticks in chemists and supermarkets, the kind of places you go to out of responsibility and obligation. Most importantly, it's the kind of purchase which makes you feel better.

There is a sense of promise about a new lipstick, a whisper that it might be the key to a great date, a perfect outfit, or that you might magically have become the kind of person who can wear hats.

I have had a dreadful summer – three major surgeries since April, among all sorts of other personal woes.

A few weeks ago I found myself with 10 minutes to kill and a make-up shop in my path. "Is there something you need?" the nice woman behind the till asked me. "Something fun," I told her. "Something I don't need."



Lipstick will not solve any problems but can improve your self-esteem

It is a way of reminding yourself that you are good and special

She cheerfully took me through the library of glittery eyeshadows and glossy black liners. Like playing dress-up as a child, but with mellow music and hyper-flattering lighting. In the end I bought a Charlotte Tilbury lipstick (as the NPD predicted I would) in almost the exact same shade of pink-brown as all of the other lipsticks I own. It was expensive and I couldn't really justify the money. But that didn't matter. What mattered was that I did something indulgent, entirely selfish and entirely unnecessary.

When life is difficult it is tempting to withdraw into goblin mode and fester in dirty sheets, staring into your phone and gorging on bad news. That is a bad idea. If at all possible, the best thing you can do is take very long shower or a very long bath followed by moisturising and putting on clean clothes.

Change your sheets. Brush your hair. Consider a lipstick. It won't solve the energy crisis, or the war in Ukraine. It won't fix the looming financial devastation, pay your rent

or magic you up a house deposit. But it is a way of reminding yourself that you are good and special and worthy of being treated well.

When I got fired from a big magazine job which was supposed to make my career, it was a week before I wore cosmetics again.

When my flat was flooded it took the better part of a month to do a full face of make-up. After my miscarriage it was about 10 days. But after each of the miserable things I have lived through, I have eventually reached for the eyeliner and felt better for it.

Of course there are plenty of reasons that baths and lipsticks are not an option. Let's not underestimate how many people in the UK genuinely can't afford to spend £6 on a lipstick, to run the hot water for a bath, or spend money on any other lovely little indulgences. But if you can, then you should. In fact you absolutely must.

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MILITARY

Ukraine reclaims cities in major counter-attack

By Dean Kirby

Ukraine's forces are pushing towards a substantial victory in the east of the country after smashing through the Russian front line in a lightning counter-offensive that raises hopes of a turning point in the war.

President Volodymyr Zelensky's forces claim to have retaken more than 1,100 square miles of territory in the Kharkiv region – tripling their stated gains in just 48 hours – and to have entered the strategic Russian-held supply cities of Izyum and Kupyansk.

On the conflict's 200th day, Moscow has confirmed its troops have withdrawn from both cities and from a third, Balaklyia, to regroup in separatist territory.

There were claims last night that the Russians may have even withdrawn as far east as the Oskil River – an almost complete abandonment of the Kharkiv Oblast.

In a video message, Denis Pushilin, the head of the Donetsk separatists, told supporters the situation was "very difficult" in the city of Lyman, which was captured by the Russians in May. Vitaly Ganchev, a Russian-appointed official, said Ukraine had won a "significant victory".

Mr Zelensky said: "These days,



(i) Russia still holds around a fifth of Ukraine, despite recent Ukrainian gains. Analysts believe **Russia has redirected some of its most seasoned troops** to defend the city of Kherson.

Ukrainian troops after liberating the village of Vasylkove in Kharkiv REUTERS



Russian troops in Ukraine



RUSSIA

Putin faces backlash after his troops retreat

By Dean Kirby

It is claimed that Vladimir Putin is facing a revolt from senior Russian military commanders and pro-war bloggers as his troops retreat from Ukraine's offensive in Kharkiv.

The Telegram channel General SVTR claimed one of the Russian president's generals had told him in a drunken outburst on a video link that the Russian army is "crumbling".

The channel said: "At the start of the general's report, Putin (inset) began to have doubts as to whether he was sober."

"The president asked him directly whether he had been drinking spirits, to which the general reacted somewhat boldly."

"Moreover, Putin tried to put the general in his place with a blunt threat. The general wouldn't back down and told Putin to go you know where."

There were reports last week that Putin had fired six generals for advancing too slowly. It is also said that the morale of troops has been "broken" by the offensive.

Mr Putin is facing criticism from pro-war Russian bloggers, with one, known as War Informant, saying: "All this looks like a conscious self-isolation from reality, as though if you keep silent about the situation from the high stands, then the population won't know anything."

"Not to say a word about the realities of what is happening in Kharkiv means to betray those who fought there and are still fighting."



TRADE

UK hits back at grain claims

Britain has dismissed claims by Vladimir Putin that only a fraction of grain exported from Ukraine under an international deal was going to poorer countries.

Quoting UN figures, the British Defence Ministry said that around 30 per cent of grain exported under the deal, which was only brokered last month by Turkey and the UN, has been supplied to low and middle-income countries in Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

However, Putin argued only two of 87 ships, carrying 60,000 tonnes of products, had actually gone to poor countries.

ENERGY

Power plant reconnected to grid

By Richard Wheatstone

Ukraine's atomic power operator has said the last reactor at the Zaporizhzhya power station has been shut down after the plant was reconnected to the electricity grid.

The six-reactor plant, Europe's largest nuclear power station, was disconnected from the grid last week after all its power lines were cut off as a result of fighting in the area. It was operating in "island mode" for several days, generating electricity for crucial cooling systems from its only remaining reactor in operation.

Energoatom said one of the power lines was restored late on Saturday, allowing plant operators to shut down the last reactor.

Ukrainian president Volodymyr



The Zaporizhzhya plant ran on its own power while disconnected

Zelenskiy said the plant had narrowly avoided a "radiation disaster" when all lines to it were cut on Thursday.

It was captured by Russian forces in May but is still being run by Ukrainian technicians.

PEOPLE

When allergies make dining out a frightening ordeal

By Serina Sandhu
SENIOR REPORTER

Going out to eat is something that Ruth Holroyd plans with military precision – or avoids entirely.

Since the 49-year-old was diagnosed with a severe dairy allergy in her early thirties, she has had many close calls from unknowingly consuming it. One occasion, which landed her in intensive care, left her petrified to eat out for more than a year.

As she speaks to **i**, she's getting ready to have lunch with her mum at a café she trusts, but the occasion is being overshadowed by the death of Celia Marsh.

The mother of five (*inset*), who had a severe dairy allergy, collapsed after eating a Pret a Manger wrap that was meant to be vegan but was later found to contain dairy protein.

"I'm going to be a bit nervous but I can't keep hiding," Ms Holroyd says of her impending lunch. "If I take all the precautions, what else can I do? It's sad if we have to hide away and stay at home but [my allergy] makes me feel like that sometimes."

Ms Holroyd, who is also allergic to nuts, wheat and soya, believes she always had a dairy allergy but it was less severe when she was younger.

Cow's milk allergy affects two to three babies out of every 100 but is rare in adults, according to Anaphylaxis UK.

Ms Holroyd, author of *Anaphylaxis: The Essential Guide* and the What Allergy blog, was served a meal containing dairy in her early thirties, which set off a severe reaction.

"What happened to Celia has happened to me," she said. "If it's a tiny trace, I might just get swelling on my lips. But I've got a severe allergy."



Ruth Holroyd's severe dairy allergy can make her feel safer 'hiding' at home

Now, before eating anywhere, Ms Holroyd always lets the establishment know of her allergy by ringing up or visiting in person. However, despite her strict food-inspection protocols, there have been about 10 occasions when she has been given dairy while eating out. On five occasions she had to go to A&E.

In 2018, Ms Holroyd ended up in intensive care after a pub served her a meal containing dairy.

"I'd done everything. I'd spoken to them about what I could have. It must have just been a huge miscommunication. Nobody would do that on purpose." The pub was later fined.

It left her too scared to go out to eat for more than a year but she has worked hard to rebuild her confidence.

"I would say to people: don't be frightened to speak about [your allergy] because it's your life."

POLICE

Family demand suspension of firearms officer

By Richard Wheatstone

Calls are growing for the immediate suspension of the Metropolitan Police officer who killed Chris Kaba, following protests over the weekend.

Mr Kaba was shot dead by a firearms officer in Streatham, south London, last Monday night.

His family joined a march (*inset*) through Whitehall, central London, and a protest outside Scotland Yard on Saturday, at which the rapper Stormzy said: "Chris has a mother, he has a family, he has brothers, he has friends, who for them it is unbearable."

Mr Kaba had been shot in the head through the windscreen of the car he was driving – an Audi which police have said had been linked to an earlier shooting.

The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) has launched a homicide investigation, and has said that no gun was found inside the car.

The Met is yet to confirm if any of those involved have been disciplined.



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HEALTH

Supersized laughing gas 'making it easier to overdose'

By Serina Sandhu
SENIOR REPORTER

Young people are suffering increasingly severe symptoms from inhaling supersized canisters of nitrous oxide containing 70 times as much of the substance than more common, smaller versions, neurologists said.

Known as fast gas, or by brand name Smartwhips, large canisters can be bought from online retailers and caterers as they are used for whipping cream in the food industry.

The volume of nitrous oxide in one is roughly the same as 70 to 80 small canisters, known as "whippets". Supersized versions are equivalent to around 250 small canisters.

"I know the big canisters are being used a lot more – patients tell me ba-

sically," said Dr David Nicholl, a consultant neurologist at Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust.

Dr Nikos Evangelou, a professor and consultant neurologist at the University of Nottingham, believed the "large increase" in hospital admissions related to nitrous oxide across the country was related to "the recent use of the large canisters, making it cheaper and easier to abuse [and] overdose".

Also known as laughing gas, nitrous oxide is the second most used substance by 16- to 24-year-olds in England and Wales after cannabis.

It can make users, who inhale it

after transferring the substance from a canister into a balloon, immediately feel relaxed or giggly but only for a couple of minutes.

Small, silver canisters are often seen on streets after parties and events.

Large canisters are "more dangerous", according to 33-year-old Liam, who was previously addicted to nitrous oxide.

"I realised I had a problem when they came around," he said in an interview with the N2O: Know the Risks campaign from Queen Mary University, later shared with i.

"With a canister you know how much you get, it's capped. But with



Large canisters of nitrous oxide are a particular risk for recreational users

Smartwhips you can do 'doubles' or 'trebles' without realising.

"I've actually seen people pass out from that..."

Inhaling nitrous oxide leads to a

vitamin B12 deficiency and anaemia. The neurological damage from taking the substance is serious, with symptoms ranging from tingling and numbness in the arms and legs to difficulty with walking, falling unconscious, bladder and bowel problems and erectile dysfunction.

The 2016 Psychoactive Substances Act criminalised the sale of nitrous oxide for its psychoactive effects, however it is not a crime to be caught in possession of it.

Between 2001 and 2020, there were 56 deaths involving nitrous oxide in England and Wales, 45 of which were registered after 2010.

In 2021, the Government asked the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs to launch a review into the harm caused by nitrous oxide.

EDUCATION

Teen who missed GCSE grades after shielding is given hope by i readers

By Aasma Day

A teenager left devastated when she failed to get the GCSE grades she was hoping for after shielding for almost two years to protect her vulnerable mother has been offered free tuition by generous i readers.

Lana Collie-James, 16, was forced to teach herself while shielding during the pandemic to protect her mother, who has health conditions that leave her more vulnerable to Covid-19.

Lana, who was a pupil at Glenmoor Academy in Bournemouth, claims that despite her staying at home, the school didn't provide adequate support apart from during lockdowns, when it was offered to all pupils.

Lana tried to teach herself all nine of her GCSE subjects but was upset when she didn't achieve the grades she needed to study her preferred art and design course at college.

Since i highlighted Lana's plight, a number of people in the education sector have offered free online tuition to help her prepare for any GCSE exams she may want to resit.

2
years that Lana shielded for to protect her vulnerable mother during the pandemic



Lana Collie-James, now a college student, studying to resit her failed GCSEs

Gail Jenkinson, a self-employed home tutor who lives in The Wirral, Merseyside, got in touch with i to offer Lana two hours of free tuition a week via Zoom.

"I was moved by Lana's story and have been concerned for some time about children who have been held back at school by personal circumstances during the pandemic," said Ms Jenkinson.

"I thought I could help Lana by offering her free tuition. I teach GCSE maths, physics and chemistry."

"I will happily provide her with two hours of free tuition per week via Zoom in any or all of these subjects."

Another tutor, who did not want to be named, also offered Lana online tuition for any of the subjects he teaches that she is planning to resit her GCSEs for.

Lana said: "It is really kind of people to offer me free tuition. It makes you realise how there are good people in the world who are prepared to help someone they don't even know."

The teenager has just started at Brockenhurst College in the New Forest and is feeling more positive about her future as she says the college has been understanding and supportive of her circumstances.

While Lana didn't get the GCSE grades she needed to study the level three art and design course she wanted, she has embarked on the level two course instead.

Anna James, Lana's mum, said Lana is attending college in per-

son as she feels it will be a different environment and allow her to take precautions.

"College is a totally different ball game," said Ms James. "The students have more independence and choices in what they do and Lana will have a lot more control over what she chooses to do."

Glenmoor Academy said it believes students learn best when they access face-to-face learning.

The school encouraged its pupils to return from home as soon as government guidance allowed.

The Department for Education said there has not been advice for vulnerable people to shield for a significant amount of time.

It added that it is right for children to attend school full time as it is the best place for their development.

i The shielding advice for the most vulnerable was paused on 1 April 2021 and ended on 15 September 2021, with authorities citing the success of the vaccination programme and treatments to ease symptoms.

COVID-19

Millions can get autumn booster jabs from today

By Jane Kirby

People aged 65 and over can now book their Covid-19 booster jab online or via 111 from today.

The NHS is also offering appointments to carers and pregnant women as the vaccine rollout continues into the autumn and winter months.

People aged 75 and over, the severely immunosuppressed and frontline health and care workers have been able to book a booster since last week.

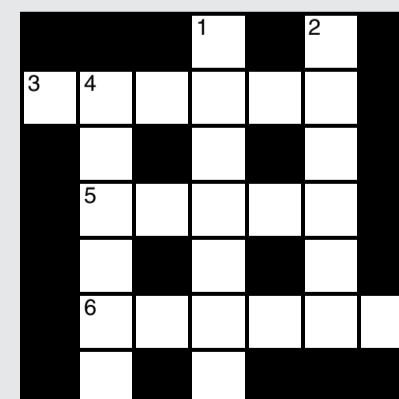
Bookings can be done online or over the phone as long as the person had their last Covid jab at least three months ago.

Around 26 million people in England will be eligible for an autumn booster in the coming weeks.

NHS director of vaccinations and screening Steve Russell said: "This autumn booster will help protect those most at risk."

"If you are one of those eligible, it is as important as ever to get your next dose."

The Five-Clue Cryptic Crossword No 3682



Solution, page 51

Across

3 Empty talk from books discovered in Barnet (3,3)

5/6 Bon mot somehow making Kitty warmer (5,6)

Down

1 Period of conflict for man in Hertfordshire town (7)

2 Quietly, bishop's including agreement for part of service (6)

4 Sister might be here where Christian soldiers go (6)

Panorama

Around the world in 10 stories



SRI LANKA

Colombo gets fresh funding

The US has announced \$40m (£34m) in agricultural aid to crisis-hit Sri Lanka.

Administrator of the US Agency for International Development (USAID), who is visiting Sri Lanka, made the announcement on Saturday after she met farmer representatives in Ja-Ela outside the capital, Colombo.

She said the money will be in addition to the \$6m (£5m) announced earlier to assist low-income farmers.

Sri Lanka is facing its worst ever economic crisis to date.

NETHERLANDS

End to wage dispute in sight

Dutch trade unions said they had reached a deal with state-owned NS Railways to increase workers' pay by an average of 9.25 per cent over 18 months, ending a long-running wage dispute.

Strikes have paralysed the rail service several times in recent weeks and additional action had been planned this week.

Average pay at NS Railways will be increased retroactively from July by 5.8 per cent and an additional 3.45 per cent in January 2023, trade union FNV Spoor said.

Unions said they also secured a minimum wage of €14 (£12) per hour.

PAKISTAN

Flooding relief flies in from the US and UAE

By Zarar Khan

IN KARACHI

Two US military planes loaded with tons of aid for Pakistanis affected by flooding from deadly monsoons landed in southern Sindh province yesterday.

Saif Ullah, spokesman for

the country's Civil Aviation Authority, said each aircraft contained about 35 tons of aid.

The US operation is set to continue until Friday.

Nearly 1,400 people have been killed, 13,000 injured and millions left homeless by the heavy flooding since mid-June.

Mr Ullah added that two more flights with relief goods from the UAE landed at Karachi airport.

UN agencies and several countries have sent multiple planeloads of aid. Authorities say the UAE has been one of the most generous contributors. AP

In a world with little room for such traditions, these roaming marketplaces are still sought after in small Indian towns where multinational brand outlets are yet to dominate commerce.

The fairs sometimes coincide with festivals, bringing people out of their homes to seek religious and leisure activities.

In McLeodganj, Dharamsala in northern Himachal Pradesh state, the main fair takes place during "Nahaan", a bathing festival at a lake.

Hundreds of people dip in the lake, then shop and eat at the fair. Children are attracted to the merry-go-rounds, trampolines, ring-toss and balloon-shooting stalls.

The future for such markets is uncertain, but the traders haven't given it up. AP

Ashwini Bhatia

Postcard From... Dharamsala

The enterprising sellers move from one small north Indian town to another, carrying bags full of colourful wares to sell at local fairs, keeping centuries-old traditions alive from when roving fairs were the main vehicle of commerce.

Large sheets of tarpaulin, repurposed strings, folding tables, bedding, cooking gas and a few cooking utensils are all they need for both business and home.

Some sell traditional handmade items, such as iron farming implements and cane baskets, which are difficult to find in modern marketplaces.

DIPLOMACY

UN weighs response over China's 'rights violations'

By Emma Farge

IN GENEVA

Western countries face a dilemma as the UN Human Rights Council opens today – confront China over "human rights violations" in its Xinjiang region or miss the biggest opportunity to bring accountability in years.

A report by the UN rights office found that China's "arbitrary and discriminatory detention" of Uyghurs and other Muslims there may constitute crimes against humanity. China vigorously denies any abuse.

The High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, whose office released the report, has



A farmer walks past government propaganda in Xinjiang province

since concluded her term. Her successor, Austria's Volker Turk, is not yet in Geneva and no follow-up action is formally on the crowded council

agenda that includes the crises in Ukraine and Ethiopia.

That means any China action may have to be initiated by one of the 47 nations that make up the council.

Western diplomats said a group of democracies is considering a range of options including a resolution on China for the first time in the council's 16-year-history – a move that might include an investigative mechanism.

"If the majority decide it is not worth acting after the violations denounced in the [China] report, it would mean that the universalist vision of human rights is at stake and the legal order would be weakened," a Western diplomat said. REUTERS



Enjoying the moon lights

People enjoy a lantern display at the Wong Tai Sin temple during the Mid-Autumn Festival in Hong Kong. The festival, marking the full moon and harvest, is one of the most important in Chinese culture. MIGUEL CANDELA POBLACION/ANADOLU/GTETTY

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Three dead as Pacific earthquake rocks highlands

By Nick Perry

At least three people have died after a powerful earthquake hit a remote part of Papua New Guinea yesterday.

Other people were injured and infrastructure was damaged in the magnitude 7.6 quake felt across the Pacific country.

Three people were killed in a landslide in the gold-mining town of Wau,

said Morobe provincial disaster director Charley Masange.

Others were injured by falling structures or debris, and there was damage to health centres, homes, rural roads and highways.

It could take some time to assess the extent of the injuries and damage in the region, Mr Masange said.

He added, however, that the sparse and scattered population and lack of

large buildings near the epicentre in the nation's largely undeveloped highlands may have helped prevent a bigger disaster.

Renagi Rau, who lives 41 miles (66km) from the quake's epicentre, in Kainantu, said: "It's a common thing that earthquakes are felt here, but it usually doesn't last as long and is not as violent as this one. It was quite intense." AP

TURKEY

Tensions raised in Aegean Sea

Greek coastguard ships opened fire on a cargo vessel in international waters in the Aegean Sea, the Turkish coastguard has said, escalating tensions between the nations.

There were no casualties in the incident south-west of the Turkish island of Bozcaada on Saturday.

The Turkish coastguard said that after two vessels opened fire, two of its own ships went to the area and the Greek boats left. AP

CANADA

Poilievre made new Tory leader

Canada's opposition Conservative Party has elected populist Pierre Poilievre as its new party leader.

Mr Poilievre, 43, blames Canada's inflation on the Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Mr Poilievre won the leadership on the first ballot on Saturday, defeating a moderate centrist candidate with 68 per cent of the vote.

He opposes vaccine mandates and supported the truck convoy protest that paralysed Canada's capital.

ITALY

Opioid crisis film wins Venice prize

A documentary about US photographer Nan Goldin and her fight against the wealthy Sackler family has won the Golden Lion award – the highest prize at the Venice Film Festival.

Directed by Laura Poitras, *All the Beauty and the Bloodshed* interweaves the story of Goldin's own life with her campaign to hold the Sacklers and their pharmaceutical firm accountable for the US opioid crisis. REUTERS



Sweden's PM Magdalena Andersson leads the centrist Social Democrats

SWEDEN

Anti-immigration populists set to gain ground in election

By Vanessa Gera
IN STOCKHOLM

Sweden held an election yesterday that was expected to boost a populist anti-immigration party that promises to crack down on gang violence, which has left people shaken.

The Sweden Democrats entered parliament in 2010 and steadily

gained more votes with each election. The party's fortunes have risen following massive migration in recent years, particularly in Europe's crisis year of 2015, and as crime has grown in segregated neighbourhoods.

The party has its roots in the white nationalist movement but many years ago began expelling extremists. Despite rebranding, voters long

viewed it as unacceptable and other parties shunned it. That is changing.

Polls predicted the Sweden Democrats, which won 13 per cent in 2018, would take about 20 per cent yesterday to become the second-largest party in the parliament.

That would put it only behind the centre-left Social Democrats of Prime Minister Magdalena An-

dersson, who enjoys high approval ratings. Ms Andersson, 55, became Sweden's first female prime minister less than a year ago and led Sweden's historic bid to join Nato following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Zeth Isaksson, a specialist in electoral behaviour at Stockholm University, said she "is one of the most important factors in this election".

SPAIN

Britons' holiday homes resold by squatters

Gangs are driving villa owners to despair. By **Graham Keeley**

Gangs of squatters are targeting Britons' holiday homes in Spain as opposition parties call for legislation to clamp down on illegal occupations.

Known as *okupas*, the gangs invade holiday homes, change the locks and "sell" the properties illegally to people with nowhere to live for as little as €2,000 (£1,740).

The gangs have drawn up a 102-page *Okupa Manual*, seen by **i**, which offers detailed advice to those who "want to leave the housing market... and find a dignified space without having to those who try to rob us every day".

Written in the style of an anarchist manifesto, it gives potential squatters legal advice and strategies on how to keep the authorities and homeowners at bay.

In some cases, property owners have been threatened with violence if they try to get their homes back.

Some desperate homeowners, frustrated that the police or the courts are moving too slowly, take matters into their own hands to get their properties back. A video showing men armed with iron bars entering a property in Murcia to force squatters out recently went viral on social media.

Amid concern that the current law is too soft, the conservative opposition People's Party has proposed a reform the Spanish Penal Code which would allow



Protesters in the city of Lugo call for a solution to the rise in squatting

police to kick out squatters within 24 hours and to raise jail terms to between three and five years.

Squatters convicted of illegally raiding a person's home currently face between six months and two years in prison, although these sentences are often suspended. If squatters use violence or intimidation, then jail terms can be between one and four years.

In the first nine months of 2021, there were 13,389 claims of illegal occupation, according to Spanish government figures – a 20 per cent rise compared with the year before.

It comes amid an annual 6.4 per cent rise in property rental prices across Spain.

Andy Tomlinson, a British businessman who bought a house in Castelldefels, near Barcelona, was alerted that squatters had entered his property in April 2018.

"At the time we didn't have an alarm," he told **i**. "Luckily, a neighbour saw them arrive and informed the police. We got them out in under 24 hours."

Nearby in Gava Mar, a British family who bought a flat as a holiday home were called by Spanish police and informed that their property had been invaded by *okupas*. Vans of police arrived to evict the squatters who had already taken to hanging out their washing on the terrace.

Pilar Garcia was not so fortunate. She spent 30 months and £19,100 in legal fees to oust two women from her home.

The average time to get rid of squatters in Spain is 18 months, compared with 48 hours in France and 24 hours in Germany, according to Spanish media.

Pedro Maldonado, a lawyer who has dealt with cases of squatters targeting Britons, said: "These cases can last months if the police do not get the squatters out immediately because the Spanish system is very protectionist."



US President Joe Biden attends the Pentagon wreath-laying ceremony in Washington DC yesterday SUSAN WALSH/AP

UNITED STATES

Vigils and moments of silence held to mark 9/11 attacks

By Jennifer Peltz
IN NEW YORK

Americans commemorated 9/11 yesterday, 21 years after the deadliest terror attacks on US soil.

Victims' relatives and dignitaries visited places where hijacked jets crashed on September 11, 2001, at the World

Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and a field in Pennsylvania.

Other communities marked the day with candlelit vigils and interfaith services, while many people joined volunteer projects.

US President Joe Biden laid a wreath and planned to speak at the Pentagon, while the First Lady, Jill Biden, was scheduled

to speak in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where one of the hijacked planes went down.

Vice President Kamala Harris and her husband, Doug Emhoff, visited the National September 11 Memorial in New York, but by tradition no political figures speak at the ceremony. It centres on victims' relatives reading the names of the dead. AP

UNITED STATES

Alligator seized in raid but tiger yet to be found

By Conrad Smith

An alligator, drugs, guns and money were seized during a raid on two homes in Albuquerque, New Mexico last month, but wildlife officials said they are still searching for a young tiger they believe is being illegally kept as a pet.

The tiger (*inset*) was believed to be less than one year old and weighed

under 27kg, but the animals can grow to 272kg, conservation officers said.

Wild tigers are listed globally as an endangered species. Alligators were listed as endangered in the US from 1967 to 1987, but today the species thrives in the wild.

The alligator seized is about 3ft long. It was taken to a wildlife facility after search warrants were served on 12 August.

Albuquerque police said a 26-year-old man was arrested and investigators seized nearly 1kg of heroin, 5kg of cocaine, 22kg of marijuana, 17 rifles and pistols, fentanyl and Xanax pills, and \$42,000 (£36,000). AP



One-minute Wijuko

How to play Place 1–9 once in the grid, obeying the sums between pairs of squares

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Solution: page 50
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CRITIC'S CHOICE

GERARD GILBERT



PICK OF THE DAY

HM The King: Westminster Tributes

10am, BBC One

Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, the mourning period continues with the first of several special programmes following the coverage of HM The King's visit to the Palace of Westminster, where the sovereign will receive a special Motion of Condolence and addresses both Houses of Parliament.

Scotland: A Service for HM The Queen

1pm, BBC One

Live coverage of HM The King's visit to Scotland, where he will attend a special service for HM The Queen and visit the Scottish Parliament.

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24 Hours In A&E 9.30pm, Channel 4

The umpteenth series continues with the fixed-rig cameras at St George's Hospital recording a patient with a rare condition being rushed into A&E struggling to breathe. Her husband tells the story of their child's struggle with leukemia, while elsewhere a woman with a history of emphysema comes to St George's after complaining to her GP of chest pains, and a 19-year-old medical student has an abnormal growth on her femur.

The Suspect 9pm, ITV

Hopefully regular ITV viewers aren't becoming too confused as Bronagh

Waugh, who plays Adrian Dunbar's former police colleague in Sunday night's Ridley, also features in this ongoing drama as Cara – the former trauma patient that Aidan Turner's decidedly unethical psychiatrist Joe was seeing on the night of Catherine's murder. After admitting the tryst to his wife Julianne (Camilla Beeput), Joe is now sleeping on his best friend Jack's sofa while continuing to suspect his patient Bobby of being the real killer.

The Boys From Brazil: Rise Of Bolsonaros

9pm, BBC Two

The series continues with the story of Jair Bolsonaro's extraordinary 2018 electoral campaign to become President of Brazil.

When Bolsonaro announced his candidacy, the main reaction was laughter. With his sons at his side, he embarked on a brilliant social media campaign that transformed his fortunes, however, and when Brazil's political establishment was swept up in Latin America's biggest corruption scandal, Bolsonaro was one of the few politicians not to be implicated – pitching himself as an anti-corruption candidate.

Secret Crush 7pm, ITV2

Comedian Verona Rose returns with a new series of the dating game show in which people who have feelings for someone but have never had the courage to tell them how they really feel about them finally

	BBC ONE	BBC TWO	ITV	4	5	BBC FOUR	FILM	ITV2
Daytime	6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 HM The King: Westminster Tributes (S). 11.00 BBC News Special (S). 12.00 BBC News 12.50 BBC Regional News; Weather (S). 1.00 Scotland: A Service For HM The Queen (S).	6.15 Sign Zone: Antiques Roadshow (R) (S). 7.15 Autumn: Earth's Seasonal Secrets (R) (S). 8.15 Coast Great Guides: Scotland's Western Isles (R) (S). 9.15 Animal Park (R) (S). 10.00 The Farmers' Country Showdown (R) (S). 10.30 Wanted Down Under (R) (S). 11.15 Homes Under The Hammer 12.15 Bargain Hunt 1.00 Best Bakes Ever (R) (S). 1.45 Doctors 2.15 Money For Nothing 3.00 Escape To The Country 3.45 The Bidding Room (R) (S). 4.30 Antiques Road Trip (R) (S). 5.15 Pointless	6.00 Good Morning Britain (S). 10.00 ITV News: The King's Tour – Westminster (S). 11.00 This Morning (S). 1.00 ITV News: Queen Elizabeth II: Lying At Rest (S). 4.30 Tipping Point: Best Ever Finals (S). 5.00 The Chase (R) (S).	6.10 Countdown (R) (S). 6.50 3rd Rock From The Sun (R) (S). 7.15 3rd Rock From The Sun (R) (S). 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S). 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S). 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S). 9.00 Frasier (R) (S). 9.30 Frasier (R) (S). 10.00 Frasier (R) (S). 10.30 Four In A Bed (R) (S). 11.00 The Great House Giveaway (R) (S). 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary (S). 12.30 Steph's Packed Lunch (S). 2.10 Countdown (S). 3.00 A Place In The Sun (R) (S). 4.00 Chateau DIY (S). 5.00 Moneybags (S).	6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 Jeremy Vine (S). 12.45 Holiday Homes In The Sun (S). 1.40 5 News At Lunchtime (S). 1.45 Home And Away (R) (S). 2.15 FILM: Love At Daisy Hills (Uwe Boll 2020) Romantic drama, starring Cindy Busby (S). 4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits In The Sun (R) (S). 5.00 5 News At 5 (S).	Aidan Turner appears in 'The Suspect' 9pm, ITV	Liam Williams writes and stars in 'Ladhood' 10pm, BBC Three	6.00 World's Funniest Videos (S). 6.25 World's Funniest Videos (S). 7.00 Love Bites (S). 8.00 Dress To Impress (S). 9.00 Veronica Mars (S). 10.00 One Tree Hill (S). 11.00 Hart Of Dixie (S). 12.00 Supermarket Sweep (S). 1.00 Family Fortunes (S). 2.00 The Masked Singer US (S). 3.05 Veronica Mars (S). 4.00 One Tree Hill (S). 5.00 Hart Of Dixie (S).
6pm	6.05 BBC News 6.45 BBC Regional News; Weather (S).	6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games With Rob Deering (S). 6.30 Unbeatable Hosted by Jason Manford (S).	6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather (S). 6.30 ITV News; Weather (S).	6.00 The Simpsons (R) (S). 6.30 Hollyoaks Sienna takes pity on Joel at the last second (R) (S).	6.00 Cash In The Attic Chris Kamara and Forrester (S). 6.55 5 News Update (S).	A documentary looks at Jair Bolsonaro's spectacular rise to power in Brazil. 9pm, BBC Two	Liam Williams writes and stars in 'Ladhood' 10pm, BBC Three	6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase With Peter Andre, Joe Pasquale and Georgia Toffolo (S).
7pm	7.15 Scotland: The Vigil (S)	7.00 Cricket: Today At The Test England vs South Africa (S).		7.00 Channel 4 News (S).	7.00 Police Interceptors The team tackles a bad driver (R) (S). 7.55 5 News Update (S).	7.00 Art, Passion & Power: The Story Of The Royal Collection (S).	7.20 FILM: Table 19 (Jeffrey Blitz 2017) Comedy, with Anna Kendrick, Craig Robinson and Lisa Kudrow (S).	7.00 Secret Crush New series. Comedian Verona Rose returns with the dating game show (S).
8pm	8.00 The One Show: Our Queen Remembered (S). 8.30 EastEnders It's Phil and Kat's wedding day (S).	8.00 Only Connect The Peacocks take on Mothers Ruined (S). 8.30 University Challenge (S).	8.00 Coronation Street Saira approaches Toyah and accuses her of murdering Imran (S).	8.00 Andrew Neil: Britain After The Queen (S).	8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders Officers rush to a collision on the A6 (S).	8.00 Art Of Persia Samira Ahmed explores the people, culture and history of Iran (S).		8.00 Bob's Burgers Bob makes some new friends (S). 8.30 Bob's Burgers (S).
9pm	9.00 The Capture Carey is kidnapped and interrogated by a surprising face. Last in the series (S).	9.00 The Boys From Brazil: Rise Of The Bolsonaros A look at Jair Bolsonaro's election campaign (S).	9.00 The Suspect Joe embarks on a new path of investigation (S).	9.30 24 Hours In A&E A patient with a rare condition is rushed in, struggling to breathe (S).	9.00 Police: Night Shift 999 Officers are called to a fight in a takeaway (R) (S).	9.00 Mars – A Traveller's Guide: Horizon Mark Gattis narrates (S).	9.00 FILM: A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood (Marielle Heller 2019) Premiere. Drama (S).	9.00 Family Guy Peter enjoys Bonnie's cooking (S). 9.30 American Dad! (S).
10pm	10.10 BBC News At Ten (S).	10.00 QI Comedy panel game (R) (S). 10.30 Newsnight (S).	10.00 ITV News At Ten; Weather (S). 10.45 ITV Regional News; Weather (S).	10.35 Second Hand For 50 Grand Amy Neville is after a luxury bag to celebrate the birth of her daughter (S).	10.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts A man is found unconscious and brought in (R) (S).	10.00 The Sky At Night (S). 10.30 8 Days: To The Moon And Back Documentary (S).		10.00 Family Guy Peter forms a relationship with an elderly friend of his late mother (S). 10.30 Family Guy (S).
11pm	11.10 BBC Regional News; Weather (S). 11.20 My Government And (S).	11.15 FILM: The Aftermath (James Kent 2019) Drama, starring Keira Knightley (S).	11.00 Queen Elizabeth II (S).	11.40 First Dates Hotel More singletons try to find love at a luxury hotel (R) (S).	11.05 999: Critical Condition A young woman is admitted with life-threatening head injuries (R) (S).		11.10 FILM: Logan (James Mangold 2017) Fantasy adventure, starring Hugh Jackman (S).	11.00 Family Guy The Griffins visit Italy (S). 11.30 American Dad! (S).
Late	12.20 BBC News (S).	2.00 Sign Zone: Countryfile (R) (S). 2.50 Sign Zone: Celebrity MasterChef (R) (S). 3.50 This Is BBC Two (S).	12.05 Shop: Ideal World 3.00 Unwind With ITV (S). 4.45 Queen Elizabeth II (S).	12.40 Her Majesty The Queen (R) (S). 1.35 Find It, Fix It, Flog It (R) (S). 1.55 FILM: Manusangada (2017) (S). 3.35 Grand Designs: The Streets (R) (S). 4.25 Sarah Beeny's New Life In The Country (R) (S).	12.05 Police Interceptors (R) (S). 1.00 Live NFL: Monday Night Football (S). 4.30 Entertainment News On 5 (S). 4.40 Wildlife SOS (R) (S). 5.05 Wildlife SOS (R) (S). 5.30 Peppa Pig (R) (S). 5.55 Paw Patrol (R) (S).	12.00 A Very British History (S). 1.00 The Normans (S). 2.00 Art, Passion & Power: The Story Of The Royal Collection (S). 3.00 Art Of Persia (S). 4.00 Close	1.50 FILM: Blindsight (Carlos Lopez Estrada 2018) Crime drama, starring Daveed Diggs and Rafael Casal (S). 3.45 Close	12.00 Bob's Burgers (S). 12.30 Bob's Burgers (S). 12.55 All American (S). 1.55 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S). 2.20 World's Funniest Videos (S). 2.45 Unwind With ITV (S). 3.00 Teleshopping

take the plunge. In this opener, Evie wants to go from drunk snogs to deep in love with her crush Rico. Plus, we meet dance student Jules who thinks he's got the moves to impress his colleague Lilly.

===== Ladhood

10pm, BBC Three

The latest double-bill of Liam Williams's wry comedy begins with the adult Liam (Williams himself) excited by his promotion but less enthused by his first account: for a gambling company hoping to attract men in their thirties. The episode then cuts back to young Liam (Oscar Kennedy) and his friends in a betting shop on Grand National day, just when Liam ought to be prepping for his Cambridge University interview.

FILM CHOICE

LAURENCE PHELAN



FILM OF THE DAY Blindsight

1.50am, Film4

(Carlos López Estrada, 2018) This excellent film from Daveed Diggs (left) and Rafael Casal – two writer-actors with backgrounds in hip-hop, slam poetry and in Diggs' case the musical Hamilton – has a very distinctive and compelling energy. It's partly a loose, laidback and funny buddy comedy in the mode of, say, Ice Cube's Friday films, about two likeable removal men joshing each other as they go about their days in Oakland, California. But urban America being what it seemingly is today, the righteous anger of a political issues movie just keeps on bubbling up, and this film also addresses racism, police brutality and masculinity head on.

===== Windtalkers

9pm, ITV4

(John Woo, 2002) A stirring film about Navajo radio operators during the Second World War, starring Nicolas Cage and Christian Slater as battle-hardened sergeants with two Navajo in their unit and orders to protect the code ahead of the code-talkers.

===== Rita, Sue And Bob Too

9pm, Talking Pictures TV

(Alan Clarke, 1987) A comedy depicting "Thatcher's Britain with her knickers down", an alternately bawdy, exuberant and bleak time capsule about two Bradford schoolgirls and their affair with the man for whom they babysit.

ON DEMAND

Pinocchio

Disney+

Tom Hanks stars in Robert Zemeckis's live-action retelling of the puppet tale.

The Great Smog: Winter of '52

My5

How 12,000 Londoners lost their lives to a 'pea-souper' in December 1952.

10 Mistakes

Paramount+

The intelligence failures ahead of the 9/11 attacks.

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More

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6.00 **Classic Coronation Street** (S). **6.35** **Classic Coronation Street** (S). **7.00** **Classic Emmerdale** (S). **7.30** **Classic Emmerdale** (S). **8.05** **That's My Boy** (S). **8.40** **That's My Boy** (S). **9.15** **The Royal** (S). **10.25** **The Royal** (S). **11.30** **Heartbeat** (S). **12.35** **Heartbeat** (S). **1.40** **Classic Emmerdale** (S). **2.10** **Classic Emmerdale** (S). **2.45** **Classic Coronation Street** (S). **3.15** **Classic Coronation Street** (S). **3.50** **Agatha Christie's Poirot** (S).

6.00 **Hollyoaks** (S). **7.00** **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (S). **8.00** **Black-ish** (S). **8.30** **Black-ish** (S). **9.00** **How I Met Your Mother** (S). **10.00** **The Big Bang Theory** (S). **10.30** **The Big Bang Theory** (S). **11.00** **Young Sheldon** (S). **11.30** **Young Sheldon** (S). **12.00** **Brooklyn Nine-Nine** (S). **12.30** **Brooklyn Nine-Nine** (S). **1.00** **The Big Bang Theory** (S). **1.30** **The Big Bang Theory** (S). **2.00** **The Big Bang Theory** (S). **2.30** **The Big Bang Theory** (S). **3.00** **Young Sheldon** (S). **3.30** **Young Sheldon** (S). **4.00** **Teen First Dates** (S). **5.00** **The Big Bang Theory** (S). **5.30** **The Big Bang Theory** (S).

6.00 **Heartbeat** Shiner investigates a gold raid. Drama, starring Simon Molloy (S).

6.00 **The Big Bang Theory** (S). **6.30** **The Big Bang Theory** Comedy, starring Jim Parsons and Kaley Cuoco (S).

7.00 **Heartbeat** A bride-to-be goes missing. With Ruth Platt, Robert Hands and Craig Heaney (S).

7.00 **Hollyoaks** Warren finally finds out that his son ran him over (S). **7.30** **The Big Bang Theory** (S).

8.00 **Endeavour** The detective investigates the murder of a schoolgirl (S).

8.00 **Below Deck: Mediterranean** The lives of crew members working and residing aboard a superyacht (S).

9.00 **Married At First Sight UK** The couples move in and start living together for the very first time (S).

9.00 **Devon And Cornwall** Last in the series (S).

10.00 **The Bay** (S).

10.00 **Celeb Cooking School** The contestants must roast a chicken (S).

11.05 **The Bay** Jenn remains determined to find out the truth about Saif's murder (S).

11.05 **Gogglebox** Shows including Mary Berry's Quick Cooking are appraised (S).

12.10 **The Royal** (S). **1.15** **The Royal** (S). **2.20** **Unwind With ITV** (S). **2.30** **Teleshopping**

12.10 **Married At First Sight UK** (S). **1.15** **Celeb Cooking School** (S). **2.15** **First Dates Hotel** (S). **3.10** **Below Deck: Mediterranean** (S). **4.00** **Brooklyn Nine-Nine** (S). **4.45** **Baby Daddy** (S).

12.05 **999: On The Front Line** (S). **1.10** **Holidays From Hell: Caught On Camera** (S). **2.15** **8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown** (S). **3.15** **Food Unwrapped** (S). **3.45** **Close**

12.55 **Freddie Fries Again** (R) (S). **2.00** **NCIS: New Orleans** (R) (S). **3.00** **Hawaii Five-O** (R) (S). **4.00** **MacGyver** (R) (S). **5.00** **Highway Patrol** (R) (S). **5.30** **Highway Patrol** (R) (S).

12.20 **The Nevers** (R) (S). **1.25** **Irma Vep** (R) (S). **2.30** **In Treatment** (R) (S). **3.00** **In Treatment** (R) (S). **3.30** **In Treatment** (R) (S). **4.00** **Urban Secrets** (R) (S). **5.00** **Urban Secrets** (R) (S).

12.30am **Through The Night**

Radio

BBC Radio 1

6.57am **Newsbeat** **7.00** Radio 1 Breakfast With Greg James **10.30** **Newsbeat** **10.32** **Rickie, Melvin And Charlie** **12noon** Radio 1's **Live Lounge** **12.45** **Newsbeat** **1.00** **Dean And Vicki** **3.30** **Newsbeat** **3.32** **Going Home** With Vick And Jordan **5.45** **Newsbeat** **6.00** Radio 1's **Liv Lounge** **6.30** Radio 1's **Future Sounds With Clara Amfo** **7.00** Radio 1's **Hottest Records Of The Week** **8.00** Radio 1's **Future Artists With Jack Saunders** **10.00** Radio 1's **Power Down Playlist** With Sian Eleri **11.00** **Rock Show** With Daniel P Carter **1am** **Introducing Rock On Radio** 1 With Alyx Holcombe **2.00** Radio 1's **Dance Anthems With Charlie Hedges** **3.00** Radio 1's **Workout Anthems** **4.00** Radio 1 **Dance** **5.00** Radio 1 Early **Breakfast** With Arielle Free

BBC Radio 1Xtra

6am **1Xtra Playlists** **7.00** **Swarzy** **10.00** **Ace** **12.45pm** **Newsbeat** **1.00** **Remi Burgz** **4.00** **Reece Parkinson** **5.45** **Newsbeat** **6.00** **Reece Parkinson** **7.00** **Kenny Allstar** **9.00** **Sian Anderson** **11.00** **Snoochie Shy** **1am** **1Xtra Salutes** **2.00** **Live At Reading + Lives 2022: The 1975** **2.35** **Battle Of The Mixes** **3.00** **Amapiano To AfroHouse** **4.00** **8.00's Influence With Koffee** **5.00** **1Xtra Salutes**.

BBC Radio 2

6.30am **The Zoo Ball Breakfast Show** **9.30** **Ken Bruce** **12noon** **Jeremy Vine** **2.00** **Steve Wright In The Afternoon** **5.00** **Sara Cox** **6.30** **Sara Cox's Half Wower** **7.00** **Jo Whiley's Shiny Happy Playlist** **7.30** **Jo Whiley** **9.00** **Remembering Our Queen** **10.00** **Trevor Nelson's Magnificent** **7.10.30** **Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation** **12mdn't OJ** **Borg** **3.00** **Pick Of The Pops** **4.00** **Early Breakfast Show**

BBC Radio 3

6.30am **Breakfast**, **Petroc Trelawny** presents **9.00** **Essential Classics**. A selection of music and features. **12noon** **Composer Of The Week**: Bruckner. Donald Macleod examines the life and music of Anton Bruckner. **1.00** **Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert**. A live recital by tenor Christoph Pregardien and pianist Michael Gees. **2.00** **Afternoon Concert**. BBC Symphony Orchestra performs Elgar and Dvorak. **4.30** **New Generation Artists**. Elisabeth Brauss plays Brahms's Four Pieces for piano. **5.00** **In Tune**. With violinist Hilary Hahn. **7.00** **In Tune**. Mixtape. An eclectic non-stop mix of music. **7.30** **Radio 3 In Concert**. The SWR Symphony Orchestra performs Elgar and Dvorak. **9.30** **Northern Drift**. With poet Shirley May. **10.00** **Music Matters** **10.45** **The Essay: Sign Language Is My Language**. **11.00** **Night Tracks**. **12.30am** **Through The Night**

Pick of the day



The Boy In The Woods

1.45pm, **BBC Radio 4**

Winifred Robinson (above) explores the 1994 murder of six-year-old Rikki Neave, discovering why it took so long for the full story of the crime to emerge.

Short Works **4.00** **Dilemma** **4.30** **Country Matters** **5.00** **Hazelbeach** **5.30** **Mark Steel's In Town** **6.00** **Journey Into Space: Operation Luna** **6.30** **A Good Read** **7.00** **Round The Horne** **7.30** **Yes Minister** **8.00** **Some Mother's Son** **8.30** **Agatha Raisin** **9.00** **TED Radio Hour** **9.50** **Inheritance Tracks** **10.00** **Comedy Club**: **Mark Steel's In Town** **10.30** **Comedy Club: Rubbish** **10.55** **The Comedy Club Interview** **11.00** **Comedy Club: Dixon Line** **12mdn't Journey Into Space: Operation Luna** **12.30** **A Good Read** **1.00** **Some Mother's Son** **1.30** **Agatha Raisin** **2.00** **Adventures Of A Young Naturalist** **2.15** **Eleanor Rising** **2.30** **Fowles In Dorset** **3.00** **The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency** **3.45** **Short Works** **4.00** **Dilemma** **4.30** **Country Matters** **5.00** **Hazelbeach** **5.30** **Mark Steel's In Town**

BBC 5 Live

6am **5 Live Breakfast** **9.00** **Nicky Campbell** **11.00** **Adrian Chiles** **1pm** **Nihal Arthanayake** **4.00** **5 Live Drive** **7.00** **5 Live Sport** **9.00** **5 Live Sport** **11.00** **Colin Murray** **1am** **Dotun Adebayo** **5.00** **Wake Up To Money**

BBC 6 Music

7.30am **Lauren Laverne** **10.30** **Mary Anne Hobbs** **1pm** **Craig Charles** **4.00** **Steve Lamacq** **7.00** **Tom Robinson** **9.00** **Gideon Coe** **12mdn't The First Time With Bjork** **1.00** **The Story Of Bjork** **2.00** **Bjork Live** **3.00** **Army Of Me: Bjork Now** **4.00** <

Podcasts
 **Mattan:**
Injustice of a Hanged Man



Seventy years ago, the Somali seaman Mahmood Mattan was wrongfully executed, having been accused of the murder of shopkeeper Lily Volpert in Cardiff.

A new BBC Sounds series, *Mattan: Injustice of a Hanged Man*, hosted by actor, writer and broadcaster Danielle Fahiya, explores this brutal miscarriage of justice, and the decades-long fight to clear Mattan's name.

The story has personal significance for Fahiya, whose grandfather had known Mattan. She says the podcast "shines a light on those who have never had the opportunity to speak," and notes that the story it tells, which extends past Mattan's own family and into a generational trauma for a community at large, is "important now more than ever when looking at issues like racism and injustice".

Lauren O'Neill

You can feel it, even over a wobbly video connection. Samantha Morton sits, back straight, eye contact firmly held, intent in every word. You can feel it, a fire in her, held tight. It's a quality built into her new character, Queen of France Catherine de Medici in Starzplay's delicious new show *The Serpent Queen*.

"I had this sense that Catherine was almost like a very old-fashioned don, like Don Corleone," says Morton, speaking, I should add, before the death of Queen Elizabeth II last week.

"There was no messing with her. She had a stillness about her that was incredibly frightening."

There's certainly no trace of a bog-standard female villain – all high-pitched emotions and murderous hysteria ("Because they associate female villains with hormones," Morton points out).

But the trafficked child bride who grew into a formidable leader feels like familiar skin for Morton to wear. Catherine joins a long list of singular women she's inhabited. Women who've killed. Who've been exploited. Who had to fight. Who chose to. They're, well, complicated.

"I just like a role I can get my teeth into, that's different than something I've done before," says Morton of the thread of commonality binding her characters together.

"Myra Hindley is very different than Mary Queen of Scots." She played Moors Murderer Hindley, branded by the press "the most evil woman in Britain", in the 2006 film *Longford*, and Mary Queen of Scots, ill-fated rival to Cate Blanchett's Queen Elizabeth I, a year later in *Elizabeth: The Golden Age*.

"I'm a real character actress in the old-fashioned way," she continues. "I grew up looking at Tim Roth and Gary Oldman thinking, I love the roles they're given, how do I have a career like that?"

She has, in fact, had a career just like that, starting with ITV's *Soldier Soldier* in 1991, before breaking through in *Band of Gold* four years later when she was just 16. Over the next two and a half decades, she built a career of substance across quality TV (*Jane Eyre*, *The Walking Dead*), indie films (*Control*, *Morvern Callar*) and the odd blockbuster (*Minority Report*, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*).

This isn't the first period piece that Morton has starred in – see 2017's *Harlots* – but it's perhaps surprising that she's done another when she feels as she does about (most of) them. "I find a lot of television fake and distant," she says. "In regards to costume dramas, I just see that I'm watching a costume drama."

But Morton was pulled in by Catherine, by the book the series is based on (*Catherine de Medici: Renaissance Queen of France* by Leonie Frieda) and by creator Justin Haythe's sympathetic script, which plotted how the powerful matriarch was built, bone by bone.

"Justin wants to demystify it, and just say, look at how this human being was treated. I mean, I've got a 14-year-old child, and I couldn't imagine anything like this happening to them [get-

ting married]. I mean, it still happens to this day. It's not owning your own life, not having autonomy in that way."

The overturn of the Roe case in America has certainly brought issues of bodily autonomy and state interference into sharper focus, and it's something the filmmakers didn't flinch from.

"In the times we're living in – certainly in the United States of America, and sadly, moving forward that way in this country potentially – what I found really brave for the showrunners is they weren't afraid to highlight how she didn't have control over her own body," says Morton. "And that she didn't have any say in any aspect of the things that happened to her; that she was just the vessel."

Television has become a more progressive medium and having worked in the industry for three decades, Morton has seen first-hand the seismic shifts.

The Serpent Queen had two female directors (Ingrid Jungermann and Stacie Passon) and there was a "heavy female presence on set", which is certainly progress from the days when women rarely extended beyond the hair and make-up trailer.

Morton has previously been labelled "difficult" for having opinions and voicing them on set. Are those days behind us? Behind her?

"It's a completely different world we're living in now," she says. "But still... I've worked with some formidable male actors. And when they put their hand up and say, 'Hey, I've got an idea here' or 'Maybe we could look at it this way,' it's like, 'Oh, my God, they've spoken!' It's almost like God opened his mouth."

"And then sometimes when myself or a female colleague would say, 'Maybe we can we just...' they're like, 'Wait, what?'. Not so much on *The Serpent Queen*, but I still have that a lot. Regardless of being a successful director, or an actor, or a writer, it doesn't matter."

Morton has certainly earned her right to speak up on creative matters – her directorial debut *The Unloved* won two Baftas and brought in two million viewers when it aired on Channel 4 in 2009 (a record for a

When men speak on set, it's like God has opened his mouth





single episode of drama). It told the story of an 11-year-old girl growing up in care, as Morton herself had. To her surprise, she only received one offer to make a film immediately afterwards, and then from Channel 4, which had commissioned a second film, *tumbleweed*.

"It was very sad," she says. "I wrote it, and then they didn't want to read it and they didn't want to know. They wouldn't even read it, even though the first film did as well as it did. There's something weird in that. And it's because the young man that's sitting there interviewing me and deciding whether or not he's going to give me the money to make the film doesn't know as much about film as me and can't remember what *The Unloved* was about."

It's not just British film that has a way to go, Morton makes clear. In Hollywood, "they think the business is superheroes and action films and a token gesture of giving a young woman a chance to put a catsuit

on and fight some baddies. But in regards to drama, we're a long way from the 40s, where there were some great roles for women. And I think that they forget who's paying for the cinema tickets and who's paying the bills in these households on the streaming."

Morton's passion and that controlled fire comes from her real-life experiences and the job that she doesn't consider just a job. For her, it's a calling. One that can change worlds and lives. When Morton reads scripts, she says she asks herself: "How can I give more to this? Is it fully rounded? Or is there – without sounding pretentious – a message here? Is there some way of educating the audience? I love telling stories.

"And I also love listening and reading and finding out about people that we may not know about, bringing their stories to the forefront and, you know, walk a mile in my shoes..."

She is currently an advocate for the World Health Organisation in their campaign to end violence towards children. "I think that we have to look at society as a whole," she says citing the closure of Sure Start centres, zero-hours con-

tracts, punishing those unable to work ("My mother was dying of lung cancer and she was still fighting for her disablement money, because they said she was fit to work," she says) and workers needing to take multiple jobs to support their families.

"I think there's an absolute arrogance from the powers that be thinking, 'Oh, we just need to manage our money better or budget differently,'" she says. "I'm lucky. I'm privileged. I'm not remotely on the breadline. But I know a lot of people that are and I know what's happening. And it's a bigger problem than just interventions with social workers in so-called problem families.

"And with every article we read, there are many, many [more] young people and children that die, either through suicide, murder, or abuse on the streets, that don't make it to the papers or in the regional press. So, I think that, yeah telling the stories through film and television, hopefully we can make a change."

It's the fire that she holds tight. She controls it, channels it, makes us all feel it.

'The Serpent Queen' is out now on Starzplay

The showrunners highlight how she didn't have control over her own body

The weekend's television

RACHAEL SIGEE



A message that must be heard, presented at scale and with finesse

» **Frozen Planet II** BBC One 8pm ★★★★

It has been more than a decade since the first series of David Attenborough's **Frozen Planet** aired, and in that time, it is the coldest places on earth that have been most affected by the planet warming up.

It is inevitable and appropriate that the spectre of the climate crisis looms large over the new six-part series, which extends its scope beyond Antarctica and the Arctic to take in the world's icy peaks, snowy deserts and frosted forests.

But as always with Attenborough, the foreboding warnings pack their punch by engaging viewers with the animal world like no other nature programming is able to match. Sumptuous camera work, breathtaking scenery, and absorbing storytelling work together to illuminate miraculous life that survives every day, against the odds, in the harshest possible environments.

It is by informing, educating and wowing viewers that Attenborough and the tireless teams behind these shows aim to make us care about a world that human existence is damaging at an alarming rate.

The opening episode races around the globe, taking in past favourites – killer whales and polar bears – while introducing new stars like the Pallas's cat and hooded seals. In Antarctica, in temperatures that drop to minus 80°C, we are greeted by the familiar sight of regal emperor penguins huddled around their fuzzy young, shielding them from the 100mph winds and biting cold. In the spring, their work is abruptly complete and they totter away forever, leaving their offspring to go it alone.

The ensuing waddle of this gang of teenagers to the sea is the perfect Attenborough segment: equal parts adorable, adventurous and perilous, ending with a

gloriously inelegant mass belly flop into the sea.

Also in Antarctica is astonishing footage of the ruthlessly efficient hunting of Weddell seals by a pack of killer whales. For all the narrow escapes that Attenborough narrates, the brutality of nature is never skimmed over.

A palate cleanser comes in the form of the animal kingdom's own Grumpy Cat, the small, grouchy-faced, stumpy legged, dense-furred Pallas's cat. A little *Tom and Jerry*-esque editing of him hunting voles in the barren Great Steppe of central Europe is more than a mood lifter.

There is perhaps a rare dip in footage quality when it comes to the Siberian tiger, mostly captured on remote cameras evidently positioned for months and even years to catch glimpses of one of the world's rarest big cats. With less than 500 left in the wild, it is extraordinary to see this majestic giant tracking the scent of prey that has long moved on.

The episode's compulsory heartbreak comes during a grizzly bear attack on a herd of musk ox with newborn babies, although again, this is followed by something rather more lighthearted: the absurdity of male hooded seals and their inflatable noses attempting to woo females in the Arctic Ocean. How many times, when commenting over mating rituals, has Attenborough uttered the devastating words: "She seems unimpressed"?

Frozen Planet II transports viewers to places that most of us will never set eyes on in real life, and focuses on animal species that have had some of the most harrowing experiences in captivity at the hands of humans. Ending exactly as it should – with a call to arms – its scale and finesse must not be taken for granted, and its message must be heard.

Twitter: @LittleWonderings



Impressive?
Male hooded seals inflate their bi-lobed noses as a mating ritual JUSTIN HOFMAN

Quote of the day



What could bring people back to major investing in the UK? I can't hand on heart provide a heap of compelling answers

Richard Buxton
Investment manager,
UK Alpha Equities,
Jupiter Asset Management

RETAIL

John Lewis optimistic despite Waitrose concerns

By Henry Saker-Clark

The John Lewis Partnership (JLP) is set to reveal its latest progress as the high street chain continues its broad transformation plan.

JLP, which runs John Lewis department stores and Waitrose supermarkets, is due to unveil its financial results for the half-year to July in an update on Thursday.

The update comes amid a period of significant change at the retailer.

Earlier this month, John Lewis revealed a shift in identity as it told workers, who are called partners, that it would replace its "never knowingly undersold" slogan after almost a century.

The company unveiled a new slogan of "for all life's moments" as the group seeks to broaden and modernise its appeal.

Partners will hope the change can help drive the firm's recent positivity.

The John Lewis department store business cut thousands of jobs and closed stores in 2020 as the pandemic exacerbated pressure already felt by the group.

However, the firm sprang back into the black last year, posting a £181m pre-tax profit in the year to January 2022, as it was boosted by record sales from its department stores.

The profits, which were JLP's strongest for four years, also led

{i} **JLP's new brand promise was accompanied by an ad created by Adam&EveDDB featuring a father taking his daughter home from hospital and their lifelong relationship.**

the business to restore its annual bonus for employees ahead of previous expectations.

Partners will be hopeful that this recent trajectory has continued as pandemic restrictions eased further and will be keen to hear guidance on Thursday as to what their bonus might look like next year.

Retail analyst Nick Bubb said John Lewis looks "well placed" ahead of the update, amid perceived positive trading from its Anyday range of more affordable products, as customers face rising household bills.

However, he also flagged that "there are doubts about the recent performance of Waitrose", with recent data from marketing analysts Kantar pointing to lower sales at the upmarket supermarket brand.

Mr Bubb also highlighted that higher costs and the lack of business



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rates relief could affect the partnership's profitability.

John Lewis was among companies to pay tribute to the Queen.

A John Lewis spokeswoman said: "We are deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty The Queen.

"She faithfully served the nation as our sovereign during her long, happy and glorious reign.

"We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Royal Family."

EMPLOYMENT

Rush to retire could lead to labour shortages

By Julie Gordon

Economists have warned of an imminent shock to the labour market, "The Great Retirement".

Warnings are coming from Canada, where over the summer tens of thousands of people stopped working, as more Canadians than ever retired, according to Statistics Canada.

It is not just those over 65 packing up their offices and hanging up their tool belts, as a record number of Canadians aged 55-64 have reported retiring in the past 12 months.

"We knew from a long time ago that this wave was coming, that we would get into this moment," said Jimmy Jean, chief economist at Desjardins Group. "And it's only going to intensify in the coming years."

"People are leaving without there being enough younger workers to take over. So there's a loss of human capital and knowledge."

Canada is regarded as a labour-market bellwether, as it has encouraged immigration to help drive economic growth, and has the largest working-age population, as a percentage of the overall population, in the G7 group of nations.

Official statistics showed that one in five workers were aged 55 or older.

Cathryn Hoy, president of the Ontario Nurses' Association said: "It's a huge problem... we've had so many that have retired unexpectedly."

"More and more drivers are ageing and therefore retiring or contemplating different lifestyle," said Tony Reeder, the owner of Trans-Canada College, which trains freight transport truck drivers.



The 30 Second Briefing

GIEVES & HAWKES

What is Gieves & Hawkes?

A Savile Row tailor established in 1974, although its history dates back much further, as it combined the Gieves and the Hawkes tailoring labels, which go back to 1785 and 1771 respectively.

Gieves & Hawkes has held royal warrants for the late Her Majesty

Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh, as well as King Charles III. It even made suits for Sir Winston Churchill and Lord Admiral Nelson.

A bespoke legacy?

Gieves & Hawkes holds the coveted address of 1 Savile Row in London's Mayfair.

Since the 1700s, the street has been home to some of the world's most famous tailors, which specialise in high-quality men's formal wear.

Making ends meet...

With the trend towards work-from-home and less formal office wear, there's been a huge drop-off in demand for the bespoke suits

that Gieves & Hawkes make, and it is now up for sale after its Hong Kong-based owner collapsed into liquidation.

A stitch in time?

Mike Ashley, owner of Frasers Group, is reported to be plotting a takeover of Gieves & Hawkes. Sky News reported that Frasers Groups was among a handful of bidders vying for control of the brand.

Could it survive?

Well, Mr Ashley does have form for turning around retailers, and Frasers Group has already shown a hunger for high street brands, including Jack Wills, Evans Cycles, Agent Provocateur and Missguided.

FINTECH

Global financial uncertainty stifles investment

By Samantha Downes

UK financial technology (fintech) investment dropped to £8bn in the first half of 2022, down from £23.2bn in the same period last year, said KPMG's *Pulse of Fintech*, a biannual report on fintech investment trends.

Geopolitical uncertainty, turbulent public markets, supply chain disruption, high levels of inflation and rising interest rates have all contributed to more subdued levels of UK fintech investment compared to the record highs experienced in 2021.

Last year's investment total was

boosted by the size of many of the deals, which included the £12.7bn Refinitiv deal in January 2021.

John Hallsworth, client lead partner for banking and fintech at KPMG UK, said: "The UK remains at the centre of European fintech innovation with British fintechs attracting more funding than those in France, Germany, China, Brazil and Canada combined."

Similar to the UK, the EMEA [Europe, the Middle East and Africa] fintech market also experienced a slight drop in investment in the first half of 2022 with £22.84bn of invest-

ment across the region, down from £27.2bn in the second half of 2021."

Mr Hallsworth (*inset*) added: "Regtech [regulatory technology] has been a particularly hot sector in the EMEA region in the last few months."

"In the wake of the conflict in Ukraine, there has been strong interest in anti-money laundering applications as banks seek to comply with sanctions, embargoes and other regulatory measures."

Total global fintech funding across

mergers and acquisitions, private equity and venture capital reached \$107.8bn (£92bn) across 2,980 deals in the first half of 2022. The acquisition of Australia-based Afterpay by Block, formerly Square, for \$27.9bn, accounted for the largest payments deal of the quarter and the largest fintech deal globally during the six months.

Anton Ruddenklau, global fintech leader at KPMG International, said: "The fintech market experienced a

massive year globally in 2021, which makes it look like investment has somewhat fallen off a cliff so far in 2022. That really isn't the case. We've simply shifted back to levels seen in 2019 and 2020."

{i} Payments continued to attract the most funding among fintech subsectors, accounting for \$43.6bn (£37.5bn) in global investment, compared to the \$60.3bn (£52bn) during all of 2021.

MEDIA

Activist investor shut down by Disney chief over calls to sell ESPN

By Samantha Downes

Walt Disney chief executive Bob Chapek has rejected a call by billionaire activist investor Daniel Loeb to sell or spin off the ESPN sports television network, according to reports.

Last month Mr Loeb, who runs the New York-based investment adviser Third Point, disclosed a stake of roughly \$1bn (£860m) in Disney.

And he announced plans to push the company to make a string of changes, from spinning off ESPN to buying back shares and adding board members.

Disney had been "deluged" with interest from companies seeking to buy ESPN earlier this year amid speculation that the firm was weighing a sale of the cable sports network, Mr Chapek told the *Financial Times*.

"If everyone wants to come in and buy it or spin it with us, I think that says something about its potential," the FT quoted Mr Chapek as saying.

"I think its potential is within the Disney company."

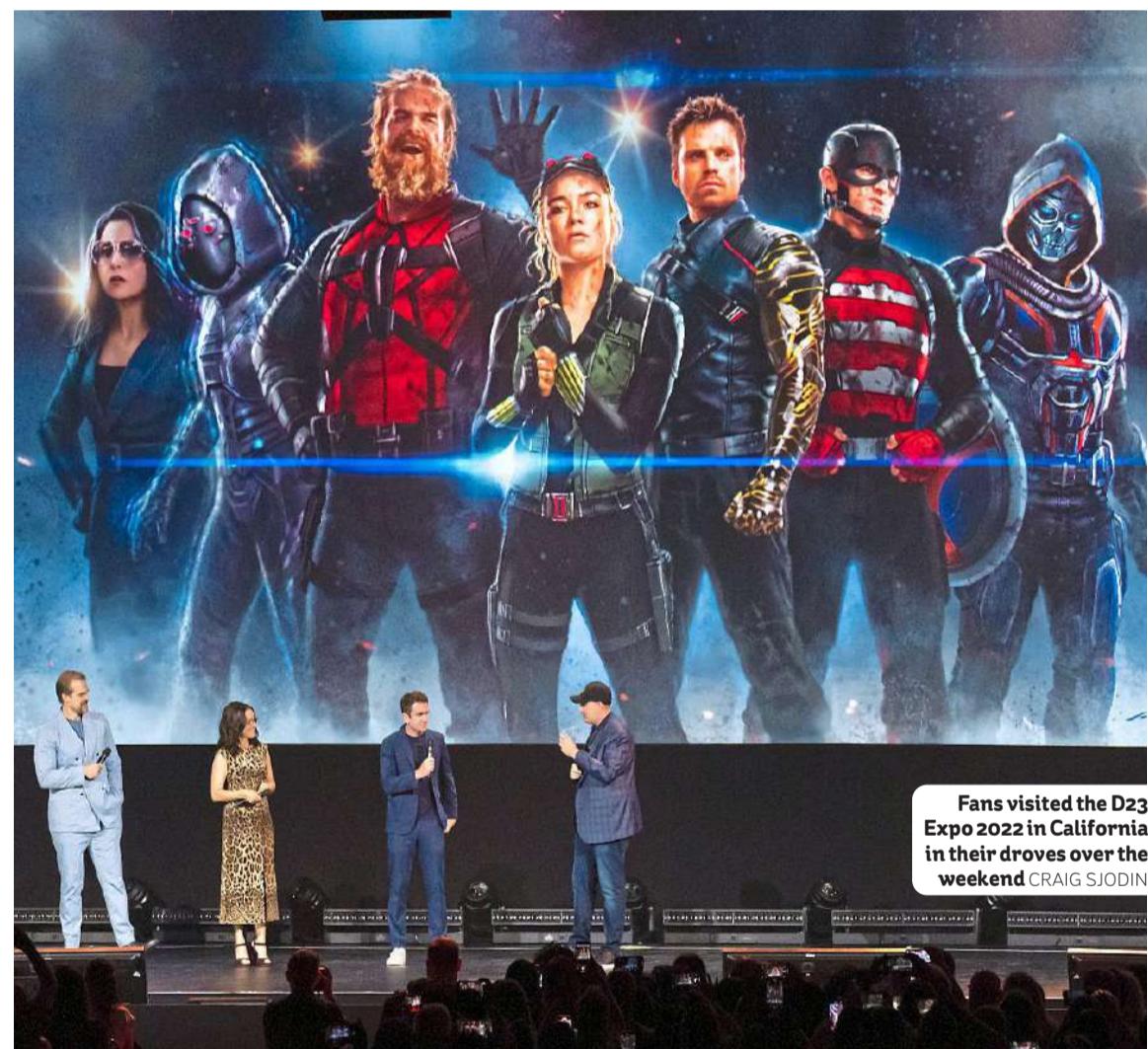
He added: "We have a plan for it that will restore ESPN to its growth trajectory."

On Mr Loeb's plan to push Disney to add new board members, Mr Chapek defended the board, saying it had a broad "range of skill sets" and that the average tenure for members was four years.

Third Point, which owns a roughly 0.4 per cent stake in Disney, has also proposed that the company accelerate the timetable for buying the remaining stake in streaming service Hulu from minority shareholder Comcast Corporation ahead of the planned 2024 acquisition.

The reports coincide with Disney's D23 Expo 2022, which took place over the weekend.

The three-day convention was held at the Anaheim Convention Centre, beside Disneyland, California, and is the first since 2019 when the Disney+ streaming service was launched.



Fans visited the D23 Expo 2022 in California in their droves over the weekend CRAIG SJODIN

Danny Rogers



on PR and advertising

A chance to turn the tide on brand Man United

Only a decade ago Manchester United was rated the world's most valuable football brand by analysts Brand Finance, with a value of more than \$800m (£690m).

Today the club's value lies behind that of Spanish giants Real Madrid and Barcelona, and even local rival Manchester City, which must really hurt.

But one senses an imminent relaunch; a Sir Alex Ferguson-style fight-back in the offing.

This is surely one of the reasons United last week named Ellie Norman as its chief communications officer.

Norman, who is responsible for brand, communications, content and reputation at

the Red Devils, also joins the executive leadership team.

Previously global director of marketing and communications at Formula One, Norman is a proven marketing strategist.

She will enjoy greater seniority and responsibilities than former United comms leads such as Charlie Brooks (ex-Nike PR, who left United in February) and Paddy Harverson (crisis guru who went on to manage communications for the King when he was the Prince of Wales and then the late Queen).

Formula One has enjoyed quite a renaissance during Norman's time there, particularly the popularity boost received by *Formula 1: Drive to Survive*.

The hit documentary series, produced in collaboration with Netflix, covered four seasons of the F1 Championship, and added grit and glamour to a sport that had previously lost relevance.

In a sense United has a similar challenge. Since Sir Alex left the club in 2013 the team has failed to win a league title; other silverware thin on the ground.

American owners the Glazers, who seized control of the club in the late 2000s, have suffered a deteriorating relationship with fans to a point of toxicity.

It's been less "glory, glory" Man United of late, more a case of gory stories; a narrative tarnished by underperforming coaches and misbehaving

players. In short it's a brand that needs to get its mojo back.

As well as Norman, the summer has also seen the hire of a dynamic young coach, Erik Ten Hag, and a new consumer marketing supremo in the form of Matt McKie, who joins from the International Olympic Committee, where he was head of global marketing.

We should now expect a drive not just to survive, but to thrive, on a global basis. But of course with any football club it's a case of goals on the pitch that ultimately underpin even the very best marketing strategy.

Danny Rogers is group editor-in-chief of Brand Republic Group

Today's Weather

A breezy day with sunny spells and showers, which may be heavy and thundery in places. Cloudier to the north with longer spells of rain.

Today's high

Today's low

Moon Phase

Sunrise

Sunset

26° 12°

06:19

19:38

Around Britain

City	Temp (Midday yesterday)	Rain (mm)	Sun (hrs)
Aberdeen	15	SH 23.0	12
Aberporth	20	S 5.3	7.0
Aberystwyth	21	F 4.9	7.0
Aviemore	16	R 2.0	0.2
Belfast	18	F 8.4	8.9
Birmingham	22	C 0.2	3.0
Bournemouth	21	C 0.0	4.2
Bridlington	18	F 0.0	5.4
Bristol	21	C 3.9	3.1
Cardiff	20	F 2.5	2.5
Cromer	24	F 0.0	8.3
Durham	21	F 6.2	4.1
Eastbourne	22	F 0.0	7.7
Edinburgh	18	R 1.4	1.3
Eskdalemuir	16	R 11.0	1.0
Glasgow	18	R 19.4	2.5
Holyhead	19	S 0.8	9.3
Hove	22	F 0.0	7.7
Hull	21	C 0.2	0.9
Huntingdon	23	F 0.1	5.2
Ipswich	24	F 0.0	7.7
Isle of Man	18	S 2.5	9.3
Isle of Wight	20	F 0.0	5.2
Kintochewe	19	R 0.4	3.3
Kirkwall	16	C 7.9	0.1
Leeds	21	C 0.4	3.4
Lerwick	16	F 0.0	5.9
Leuchars	16	R 12.0	0.7
Lincoln	22	C 0.1	2.0
Liverpool	19	C 0.0	3.8
London	22	C 0.0	2.8
Manchester	21	C 0.1	1.9
Margate	24	F 0.0	9.6
Milford Haven	20	F 8.0	6.0
Morecambe	19	C 0.4	3.1
Newcastle	21	F 3.8	5.6
Norwich	25	F 0.1	8.3
Nottingham	21	C 0.4	1.2
Okehampton	20	C 6.7	1.5
Oxford	21	C 0.4	0.6
Plymouth	17	C 4.0	2.2
Portland	20	F 0.5	2.8
Portsmouth	21	F 0.0	6.9
Prestwick	19	DR 218	6.1
Rhyl	20	F 1.3	5.3
Sheffield	21	C 1.2	0.6
Shrewsbury	20	C 0.1	1.0
Skegness	22	F 0.0	6.4
Southend	24	F 0.0	7.0
Stoke	20	F 0.1	4.2
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Swansea	20	F 7.2	5.6
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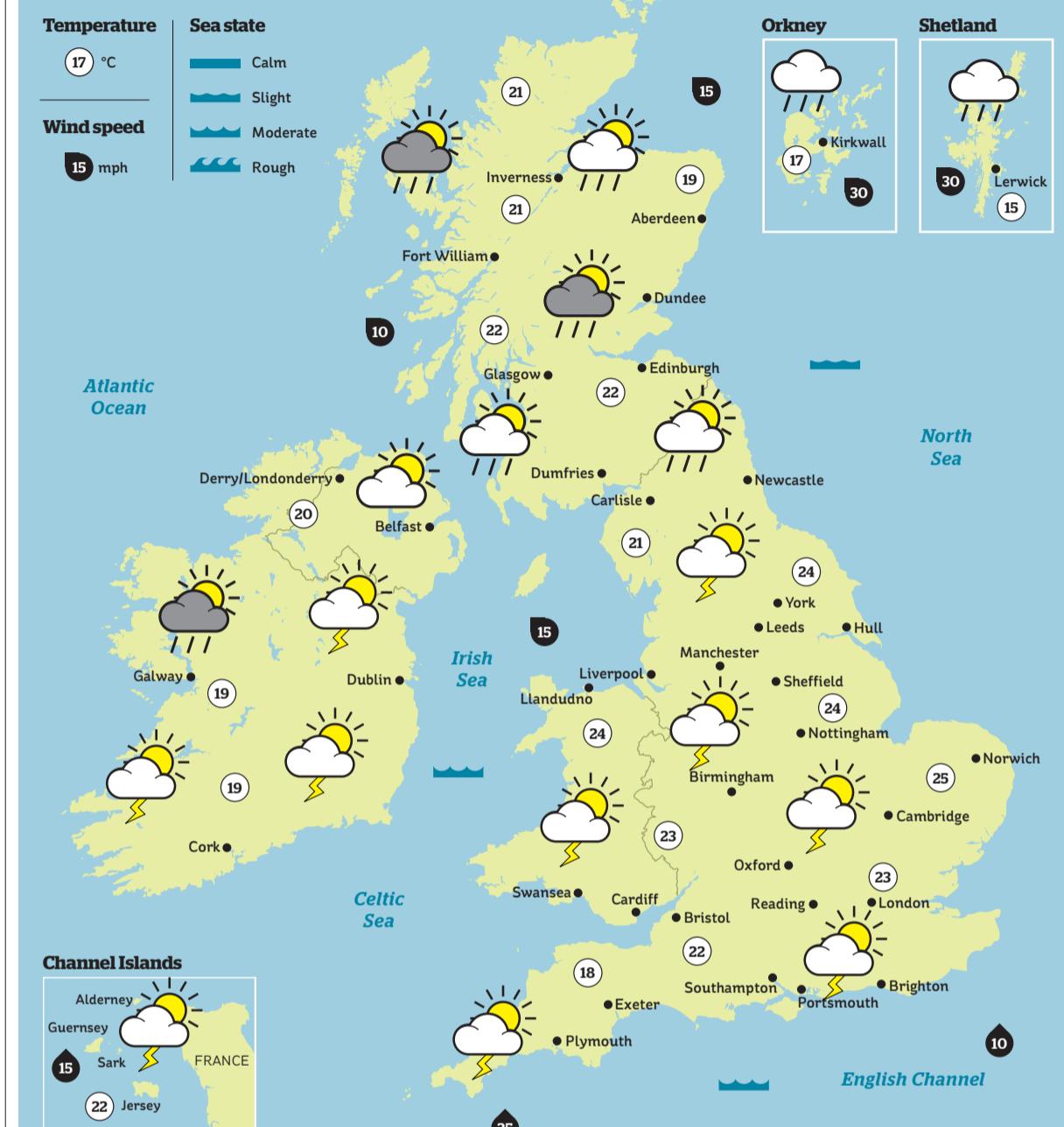
Global

City	Temp Cond (in °C)	City	Temp Cond (in °C)
Abu Dhabi	38 F	Miami	32 F
Abuja	28 C	Milan	26 F
Alicante	29 S	Moscow	13 F
Amsterdam	25 F	Mumbai	28 C
Athens	31 F	Munich	22 F
Bangkok	32 F	New York	26 F
Barcelona	29 F	Nice	28 S
Beijing	27 F	Palma	33 S
Berlin	22 F	Paris	26 S
Brussels	26 C	Prague	21 S
Budapest	20 C	Reykjavik	10 C
Chicago	29 F	Rio	28 S
Delhi	34 S	Rome	25 S
Dubai	38 S	Stockholm	16 F
Dublin	20 F	Strasbourg	25 S
Frankfurt	21 F	Sydney	17 F
Geneva	23 S	Tenerife	26 S
Helsinki	12 C	Tokyo	28 F
Hong Kong	31 F	Toronto	29 F
Istanbul	25 SH	Vancouver	21 F
Johannesburg	23 S	Vienna	20 SH
Lisbon	24 S	Wellington	14 F
Los Angeles	30 S	Washington	29 F
Madrid	26 S	Wellington	14 F

Key: C=Cloudy, DR=Drizzle,
F=Fair, FG=Fog, H=Hail, M=Mist, R=Rain,
S=Sunny, SH=Showers, SL=Sleet, SN=Snow,
SS=Sandstorm, TH=Thunderstorm

Air Pollution Index

Region	Today	Tomorrow
Highlands	2	3
North East Scotland	2	2
Central Scotland	2	2
Scottish Borders	2	2
Northern Ireland	2	2
North West & Mersey	3	2
North East	2	2
Yorkshire & Humber	2	2
North Wales	3	3
West Midlands	3	3
East Midlands	2	2
South Wales	3	2
South West	3	3
South East	2	2
Eastern	2	2
Greater London	2	2



GENERAL SITUATION A deep and slow-moving area of low pressure to the south-west of the United Kingdom will bring some wet and windy weather to many over next week. The area of low pressure will begin to fill and move eastwards over the United Kingdom on Thursday and Friday. The low will clear to the east of the country over the weekend and will be replaced by an area of high pressure. This high pressure will bring calmer and settled conditions.

IoM, Republic of Ireland, N Ireland: Today will have a dry and bright start with plenty of sunshine and just a few patches of cloud around. During the afternoon, areas of

cloud and a band of heavy rain will gradually spread northwards. There may be a few rumbles of thunder in places. There will be a moderate south-easterly breeze. Max temp: 21C. Tonight, scattered showers. Min temp: 12C.

SW England, S Wales, Cen S England, Channel Is: The morning will be mostly dry with sunny spells and a few patches of cloud. In the afternoon, areas of cloud and showers will push in from the south-west, which will be heavy at times with the chance of thunder. There will be brighter intervals between the showers. A moderate south-easterly wind. Max temp: 26C. Tonight, heavy showers. Min temp: 14C.

N Isles, NE Scotland, SE Scotland: This morning will be rather cloudy with outbreaks of heavy rain moving in from the south. During the afternoon, it will stay mostly cloudy and there will be a few

showers in places, which will be heavy at times with a chance of thunder. There will be a moderate to fresh south-easterly breeze. Max temp: 24C. Tonight, heavy spells of rain. Min temp: 13C.

NW Eng, NE Eng, NW Scotland, W Isles, SW Scotland: Today will have a rather dull and cloudy start with outbreaks of heavy rain moving in from the south. During the afternoon, the cloud will break up to allow some sunny spells to develop, but there will also be a few sharp and thundery showers in places. There will be a moderate south-easterly wind. Max temp: 23C. Tonight, heavy spells of rain. Min temp: 12C.

SYNOPTIC PRESSURE Low pressure G and its secondary lows X and Y will spin around remaining to the south-west of the UK and filling as they do so. This system will bring a strong southerly flow with outbreaks of rain and showers for many. High pressure J will continue located to the north-east of the UK and will slightly decline.

HIGHS AND LOWS

(Yesterday, up to 2pm)

Warmest: Mildenhall RAF Base, Suffolk, 25C

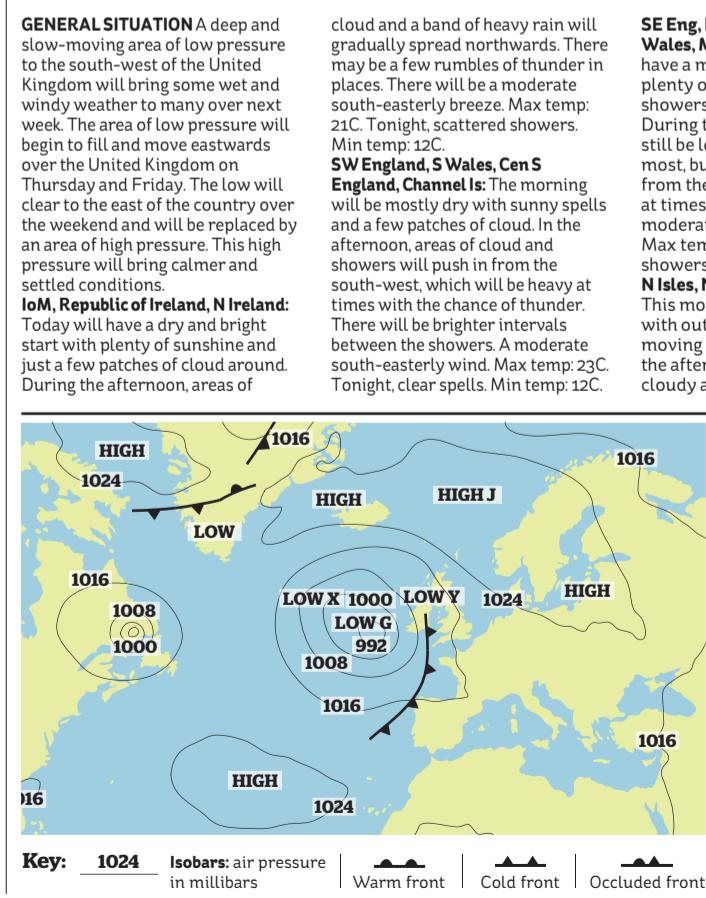
Coldest: Derrylin, Cornahoule, Co. Fermanagh, 9C

Wettest: Inverbervie, Aberdeenshire, 41.4mm

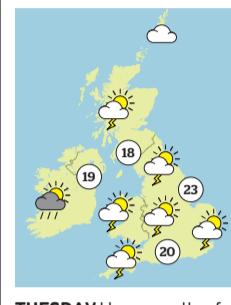
Sunniest: Lerwick, Shetland, 11.2hrs

HOURS OF DARKNESS

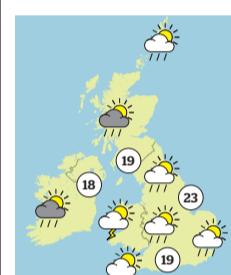
Aberdeen	19:55-06:20
Birmingham	19:46-06:26
Bristol	19:47-06:30
Cardiff	19:50-06:32
Glasgow	20:01-06:31
Hull	19:42-06:18
Inverness	20:03-06:26
Liverpool	19:52-06:29
London	19:38-06:21
Manchester	19:49-06:26
Stornoway	20:14-06:35
Swansea	19:53-06:35
York	19:45-06:21



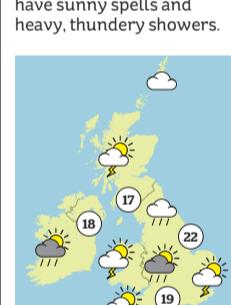
Five-day outlook



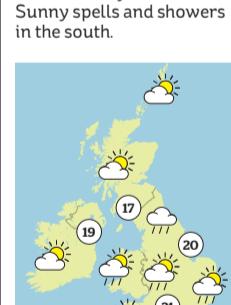
TUESDAY Heavy spells of rain in the north and far south, with thunder likely. Drier in central areas with plenty of sunny spells. Breezy.



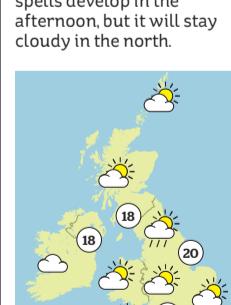
WEDNESDAY A cloudy start with rain in the south-west. During the afternoon, most areas will have sunny spells and heavy, thundery showers.



THURSDAY A cloudy start with showers in the south. In the afternoon, the north will be cloudy with rain. Sunny spells and showers in the south.



FRIDAY A mostly cloudy day with heavy showers. The south will see sunny spells develop in the afternoon, but it will stay cloudy in the north.



SATURDAY Showers across central and southern areas, but drier in the afternoon. The north will have a dry day with plenty of sunny spells.

Eldar Eldarov's St Leger victory rounds off a day of fitting tributes

Jon Freeman

RACING EDITOR



St Leger Day was about so much more than the race itself.

It had everything, so much indeed that even before Eldar Eldarov had captured our oldest classic late in the afternoon everyone had almost overdosed on the thrills, the shocks and the dramas that had unfolded.

And, of course, it was the most sombre of occasions throughout, the sport's first proper opportunity to pay its respects to Queen Elizabeth II at an occasion that was always remembered by her with great fondness after Dunfermline, a filly she owned and bred, won the St Leger in 1977, the year of her Silver Jubilee.

Every player had a tribute, remembering her love of the horse itself, not just horseracing, to her encyclopaedic knowledge of the breeding industry, to her sense of fun, which apparently extended to expertly mimicking the regional accents of whatever parts of the UK her horses were dispatched to race.



Roger Varian, the trainer of Eldar Eldarov, also touched on her eternal optimism. "It's been a tough week for the Royal family and a tough week for racing, but horses always give you a reason to look forward."

Varian was also referring to the death of Henry de Bromhead's 13-year-old son, Jack, in a pony riding accident in Ireland last week, a terrible tragedy weighing heavily on the whole racing community.

"He was the first person I thought about when I crossed the line," said an emotional jockey David Egan (left), after winning his first classic. "This one's for him."

New London had headed the market for the St Leger ever since midsummer, but he was an uneasy favourite once the rain started to fall.

Even Charlie Appleby, his forever hopeful trainer, wondered whether he had what was required for a trip into unknown territory on soft ground and it turned out he was right to be concerned.

Eldar Eldarov isn't a champion, but he does have stamina to spare, along with enough class to make it count. The supplemented Haskoy and New London gave it a good shot, but the horse named after an

MMA champion was just too tough for them.

Runner-up Haskoy was subsequently placed behind original fourth Giavellotto by the stewards for causing significant interference, and her rider, Frankie Dettori, was suspended for five days.

The thrills started early and no race had the large crowd on their feet more than the Flying Childers Stakes, in which the two flying young fillies, Trillium and The Platinum Queen, went at it hammer and tongs throughout the last furlong. Trillium edging it on the nod.

The big shock came in the Doncaster Cup. Trueshan, the highest-rated

stayer in GB or Ireland and encountering his preferred soft ground, was meant to be the day's banker bet, but at the end of a messy, start-stop-start race, he had to settle for third place behind Andrew Balding's game Coltrane.

And just to pile on the misery, the favourite's jockey, Hollie Doyle, was banned for four days for misuse of the whip.

As for the drama, nobody knew for certain whether Roger Teal's Chipstead had won the Portland Handicap until the stewards confirmed that the sprinter hadn't caused sufficient interference to runner-up Call Me Ginger to be disqualified.

As if there wasn't enough going on at Doncaster, over at the Curragh it was the second day of Irish Champions Weekend.

Dermot Weld's Tahiry (Moyglare Stud Stakes) and Joseph O'Brien's Al Riffa (National Stakes) were spectacular winners of the juvenile Group Ones, while Ballydoyle's Kyprios displayed all of his trademark grit to win the Irish St Leger.

But pride of place surely has to go to John Quinn's remarkable rags-to-riches Highfield Princess, who won her third Group One inside three weeks when trouncing her 18 rivals in the 'Flying Five'. Next stop Keeneland and the Breeders' Cup.



David Egan riding Eldar Eldarov wins the Cazoo St Leger Stakes at Doncaster Racecourse GETTY

Picual can make amends for Sandown slowdown

By Jon Freeman

Just about everything that could go wrong, did go wrong for Sir Michael Stoute's Picual at Sandown the last time she ran and granted just slightly better fortune she looks good to make amends in the concluding Fillies' Handicap at Kempton this evening.

A tardy start on a hold-up horse meant more ground to make up in a slowly run race and though there were only seven opponents, jockey Ryan Moore simply couldn't find a gap to go through from the turn into the home straight until it was too late.

Picual's sole victory from five starts was on turf at Nottingham, but her elder half-brother has done all his winning on artificial surfaces, so that shouldn't be an issue.

Primi Ordinis, withdrawn from a winnable Haydock contest last weekend because of unsuitably fast going, should find underfoot conditions more to her liking in the preceding Racing TV Handicap.

Running in the familiar black

i top tips

BEST BET

Primi Ordinis (8pm, Kempton)

Plenty of promise in novice events and ready to win on this step up in distance.

NEXT BEST

Picual (8.30pm, Kempton)

One that got away for Ryan Moore at Sandown last time. Worth another chance.



Sir Michael Stoute is hoping for better things at Kempton for Picual

and yellow silks of Stradivarius's owner Bjorn Nielsen, this Frankel filly displayed considerable promise when finishing third in a Windsor novice early last month and looked to be crying out for this step up to a mile and a half.

WORCESTER GOOD

1.30 WORTHINGTON'S PRE-TRAINING NOVICES' HANDICAP (GBB RACE) (CLASS 3) £16,600 added 2m 7f

1	646-21	SKATMAN P	Nicholls 7	12	0	H Cobden T
2	1636-3	TASTE THE FEAR (D)	Dr R Newland 7	11	9	S Twiston-Davies C
3	/P2-32	FAROUK DE CHENEAU N	Henderson 7	11	9	S Twiston-Davies C
4	5P-121	AVIEWTOSEA (D)	F O'Brien 7	11	4	K Woods T
5	5-42U	PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL	B Ellison 15	10	13	H Brooke C

- 5 declared -

BETTING: 7-4 Skatman, 5-2 Aviewtosea, 4-1 Punxsutawney Phil, 6-1 Farouk De Cheneau, 8-1 Taste The Fear.

2.05 WORTHINGTON'S PRE-TRAINING HANDICAP CHASE (GBB RACE) (CLASS 2) £22,000 added 2m 11yds

1	20231-	GLOBAL CITIZEN (CD)	B Pauling 10	12	0	K Woods
2	-53113	BATHIVA (CD/BF)	F O'Brien 8	11	8	Jack Hogan (7)
3	2-134U	LEAPAWAY (CD)	P Hobbs 10	11	8	T J O'Brien C
4	21-111	CLEAR THE RUNWAY (D)	L Morgan 6	11	6	B Hughes
5	114-43	NOT AVAILABLE (D)	M Sheppard 7	10	13	S Sheppard C, T
6	5-1224	LERMOOS LEGEND (D)	P Bowen 7	10	6	S Bowden C
7	15513-	MIX OF CLOVER (CD/BF)	A Ralph 8	10	3	A Edwards (3)
8	124242	ELIOS D'OR (CD)	R Walford 8	10	2	H Kimber (5) B, T

- 8 declared -

BETTING: 11-4 Clear The Runway, 7-2 Global Citizen, 5-1 Bathiva, 6-1 Elios D'Or, 8-1 Leremoos Legend, 10-1 Mix Of Clover, Leapaway, 12-1 Not Available.

THIRSK SOFT

2.50 BRITISH EBF FUTURE STAYERS NOVICES' STAKES (GBB RACE) (CLASS 4) £20 £15,000 added 7f

1	92	DEVIL'S KINGDOM D	McCain 9	7	G Lee 11
2	2	JAMES MCHENRY E	Bethell 9	7	K Stott 3
3	8	OSKAR N	Tinkler 9	7	R Scott 2
4	4	ROYAL RHYME K	Burke 9	7	C Lee T 4
5	92	TABARETTA C	Appleby 9	7	J Mitchell C 6
6	7	THE FOLLOWER D & N Barron 9	7	B Curtis 1	
7	7	ANNIE BE GOOD N	Tinkler 9	2	F McManaman (3) 7
8	9	DELAYED ACTION B	Ellison 9	2	R Robinson H 5
9	10	2 IN THESE SHOES C	& M Johnston 9	2	J Hart 9
10	54	SEA IN THE DARK M	Dods 9	2	C Beasley 8
11	74	WITCHFORD M	Hammond 9	2	B Garrity H 10

- 11 declared -

BETTING: 2-1 Tabarettta, 5-2 James McHenry, 10-3 In These Shoes, 8-1 Royal Rhyme, 10-1 Devil's Kingdom, 16-1 Sea In The Dark, 25-1 The Follower, 33-1 Witchford, Annie Be Good, 100-1 others.

3.50 VICKERS.BET BEST ODDS GUARANTEED EBF FILLIES' NOVICES' STAKES (CLASS 4) £10,000 added 5f

1	21	HEARTBREAK LASS (D)	H Candy 3	9	B Curtis 3
2	728277	GABRIELLA'S SPIRIT E	Alston 3	9	O McSweeney (5) 5
3	94-85	LORY J	Camacho 3	9	G Lee H 4
4	53	MUDGY LYNN S	Spencer 3	9	D Swift H 2
5	-53645	PROCLIVITY M	Dods 3	9	C Beasley 1

- 5 declared -

BETTING: 13-8 Heartbreak Lass, 7-2 Lory, Proclivity, 5-1 Gabriella's Spirit, 8-1 Mudgy Lynn.

4.20 ANDREA TAYLOR'S 50TH BIRTHDAY FILLIES' HANDICAP (CLASS 5) £9,000 added 1m 1f

1	663237	VINDOBALA (D)	T Collier 4	10	1	P Mulrennan T 5
2	975211	BIPLANE (D)	J Wainwright 4	9	12	C Rodriguez C 9
3	042142	LILIKOI (D)	D & N Barron 4	10		G Sanna (7) 8
4	-24163	EMILY POST	Bethell 3	9	9	P J McDonald H 4
5	-44532	IRRESISTABLE W	Haggas 3	9	9	C Fallon B, T 11
6	372711	BUNGLEY (CD)	T Easterby 3	9	8	D Allan 6
7	214226	FINEY (D)	M Appleby 5	9	7	F Larson (5) H 1
8	59288	CUBAN SUN P	Middleby 6	6	6	A Fielding (7) 7
9	68-757	GREY BELLE (CD)	J Furtado 3	9	3</td	

GOLF



Shane Lowry has made clear his opposition to the LIV series

Lowry's PGA victory 'one for the good guys'

By Phil Casey

Shane Lowry hailed his victory in the PGA Championship as "one for the good guys" as he produced a flawless performance to edge out Ryder Cup teammates Jon Rahm and Rory McIlroy at Wentworth.

Spain's Rahm had set a testing clubhouse target of 16 under par following a stunning final round of 62, the former US Open champion carding two eagles and seven birdies and covering the back nine in just 29, despite a bogey on the 15th.

However, Irishman Lowry responded with an eagle and five birdies of his own in a closing 65 to finish 17 under. The former Open champion did not card a single bogey in a tournament reduced to 54 holes.

McIlroy found himself needing to eagle the 18th to force a play-off with Lowry, but agonisingly his putt from 23 feet finished millimetres to the right of the hole.

The tournament had featured 18 players from the Saudi-backed LIV Golf series – American Talor Gooch was their top finisher in fourth.

"I wanted to win for myself first and foremost," said Lowry, "but for everyone that has stayed loyal to this Tour, I really feel this is one for the good guys."

FORMULA ONE

Verstappen win greeted by jeers but FIA defends safety car finish

By Philip Duncan

AT MONZA

Formula One's governing FIA defended its decision not to red flag the climax of Sunday's Italian Grand Prix – after Max Verstappen's victory behind the safety car was booed by furious Ferrari fans.

Verstappen could now clinch his second world championship at the next round in Singapore on 3 October, following his fifth victory in succession. His title lead stands at 115 points with only 164 available.

Charles Leclerc provided some opposition to Verstappen, but an aggressive two-stop strategy by Ferrari did not pay off.

On lap 47 of 53, Leclerc trailed Verstappen by 16 seconds. However, he looked set to be handed another shot at victory when Daniel Ricciardo broke down between the two Lesmos, and the safety car was deployed.

A roar went around the Monza Autodromo. But the cheers of the *tifosi* turned to jeers when Ricciardo's McLaren could not be removed from danger in time, and normal racing conditions did not resume.

Leclerc (right) finished second ahead of George Russell, following another fine performance from the British driver in his Mercedes. Lewis Hamilton, thrown down the grid for exceeding his allocation of engine parts, drove well from 19th to fifth.

Verstappen faced a chorus of boos



when he arrived on the podium. Red Bull team principal Christian Horner said: "We had the faster car, and we would have liked to have won the race on the track, not behind the safety car.

"We share the disappointment of all the fans because it took away a grandstand finish."

There was also a suggestion that the safety car picking up Russell – rather than leader Verstappen when it entered the track – also scuppered precious time.

It was an accusation the FIA



Results & standings

FIA FORMULA 1 ITALIAN GRAND PRIX, MONZA

Final positions (53 laps)

- 1 M Verstappen (Neth) Red Bull 1hr 20m 27.51s
- 2 C Leclerc (Monaco) Ferrari at 2.446secs
- 3 G Russell (GB) Mercedes at 3.405
- 4 C Sainz Jr (Sp) Ferrari at 5.061
- 5 L Hamilton (GB) Mercedes at 5.380
- 6 S Perez (Mex) Red Bull at 6.091
- 7 L Norris (GB) McLaren at 6.207
- 8 P Gasly (Fr) AlphaTauri at 6.396
- 9 N de Vries (Neth) Williams at 7.122
- 10 G Zhou (Chin) Alfa Romeo at 7.910
- 11 E Ocon (Fr) Alpine at 8.323, **12 M Schumacher (Ger) Haas F1** at 8.549, **13 V Bottas (Fin) Alfa Romeo** at 1 lap, **14 Y Tsunoda (Japan) AlphaTauri** at 1 lap, **15 N Latifi (Can) Williams** at 1 lap, **16 K Magnussen (Den) Haas F1** at 1 lap. **Not Classified**
- D Ricciardo (Aus) McLaren 45 laps, L Stroll (Can) Aston Martin 39 laps, F Alonso (Sp) Alpine 31 laps, S Vettel (Ger) Aston Martin 10 laps.

Fastest lap S Perez 1min 24.030sec on lap 46.

Driver Standings

- 1 M Verstappen 335pt
- 2 C Leclerc 219
- 3 S Perez 210
- 4 G Russell 203
- 5 C Sainz Jr 187
- 6 L Hamilton 168, **7 L Norris 88, 8 E Ocon 66, 9 F Alonso 59, 10 V Bottas 46, 11 P Gasly 22, 12 K Magnussen 22, 13 S Vettel 20, 14 D Ricciardo 19, 15 M Schumacher 12, 16 Y Tsunoda 11, 17 G Zhou 6, 18 L Stroll 5, 19 A Albon 4, 20 N de Vries 2, 21 N Latifi 0, 22 N Hulkenberg (Ger) 0.**

Manufacturers Standings: 1 Red Bull 545pts, 2 Ferrari 406, 3 Mercedes GP 374, 4 Alpine 125, 5 McLaren 107, 6 Alfa Romeo 52, 7 Haas F1 34, 8 Scuderia AlphaTauri 33, 9 Aston Martin 25, 10 Williams 6.

denied with Ricciardo's car only removed at the beginning of the penultimate lap. Two laps must then be completed behind the safety car before the race can restart.

An FIA spokesperson said: "While every effort was made to recover Ricciardo's car quickly and resume racing, the situation developed, and marshals were unable to put the car into neutral and push it into the escape road.

"As the safety of the recovery operation is our only priority, and the incident was not significant enough to require a red flag, the race ended

under a safety car following the procedures agreed between the FIA and all competitors. The timing of the safety car period within a race has no bearing on this procedure."

Michael Masi was sacked as F1 race director after he fudged the rules to allow Verstappen the chance to beat Hamilton to the title in a one-lap shoot-out at last season's contentious decider in Abu Dhabi.

Hamilton's Mercedes boss Toto Wolff praised Masi's successor, Niels Wittich, for following the correct protocol. "It is very clear. There are rules, they are written down, and

Puzzle solutions

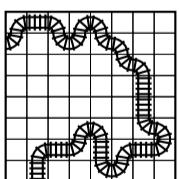
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Journey Finder

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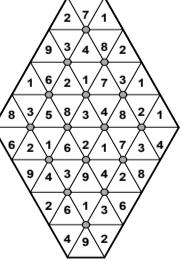
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Number Hexagon



Zygolex

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tat; noose; row; look;
spat; loop; spit; drool;
droop; fit; wilt; fix;
wild; toned; quilt

Number Square

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Daily Quiz

1. Nice
2. Hamstring
3. Buckingham Palace
4. Automatic number plate recognition

Word Ladder

WIPE	CITY
WISE	PITY
WISH	PITH
WASH	PATH
MASH	BATH
MASK	BASH

idoku

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Kakuro

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Max Verstappen could win his second title in the next race at Singapore. REUTERS

De Vries puts his name in lights with debut points

By Alan Baldwin

Nyck de Vries was voted "driver of the day" by Formula One fans after a dream scoring debut with Williams.

The 27-year-old Dutchman (below) started eighth, as penalties moved others down the field, and finished ninth in the Italian Grand Prix at Monza.

He could have done little more to boost his prospects of securing a full-time drive next season.

The man he might replace, Canadian teammate Nicholas Latifi, finished an underwhelming 15th, after starting 10th, and remains the only driver on the starting grid yet to score a point from 16 races.

"This has been incredible. Points on debut," de Vries said over the team radio, complaining also that his shoulders were "dead".

"Great job, Nyck. Fantastic. You so much deserve it," team principal Jost Capito told him.

The Mercedes reserve was summoned on Saturday morning, just as he was preparing for a weekend of hospitality duties with guests, after Williams regular Alex Albon went down with appendicitis.

Ninth place equalled Albon's best result this season.

De Vries outperformed Latifi despite the short notice and the fact he had driven a completely different car, the Aston Martin, in first Friday practice.

"Hopefully I will get a shot next year, but this is definitely a dream come true," he said.



from my perspective, whether I am traumatised by Abu Dhabi or not, these rules today have been followed to the letter.

"There was a car out on track, and there were marshals and a crane out there and that is why they didn't let anyone overtake."

"You can only red flag the race if someone is in the wall or the track is blocked. If one is not happy with the regulations and you want to have a big-bang show and two laps of racing and mayhem, then I am up for that, but we need to change the regulations."

Killer Sudoku

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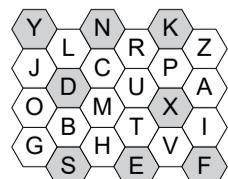
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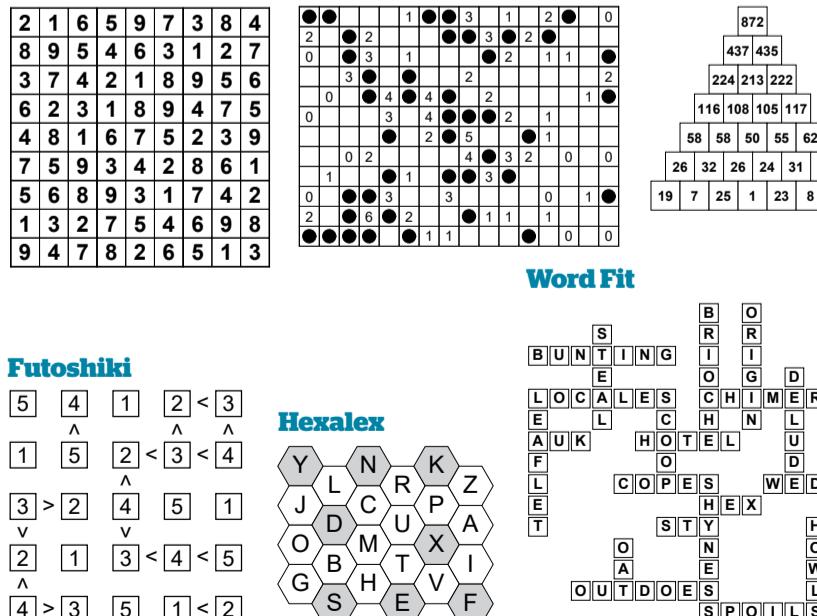
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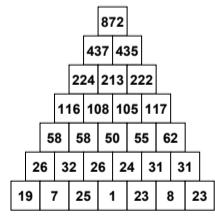
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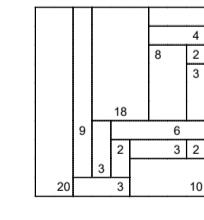
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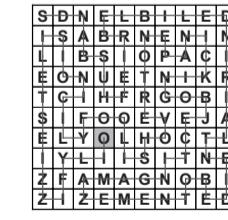
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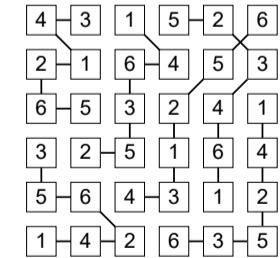
Rectangles



Pathfinder



Chain Link



RUGBY LEAGUE



Andy Ackers goes over for a try in Salford's demolition of Huddersfield PA

Results Service

GOLF

BMW PGA CHAMPIONSHIP, SURREY, FINAL ROUND (GB & Irl unless stated): 199 S Lowry 66 68 65; 200 R McIlroy 68 65 67; J Rahm (Sp) 70 68 62; 201 T Goch (US) 70 64 67; 202 V Hovland (Nor) 64 68 70; P Reed (US) 70 69 63.

HORSE RACING RESULTS

Doncaster - Straight: soft; round: good to soft 12-30; 3. CHALDEAN (L Dettori) 2-1, 2. Indestructible 17-2; 3. Silver Knott 8-13 fav 3 ran. 3 1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4. 100 1. ASJAD (P J McDonald) 7-1, 2. Mums Tipple 8-1, 3. Hyperfocus 16-1 13 ran. 7-2 fav Able Kane (11th) nk, 9/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4. 135 1. TRILLUM (P Dobbs) 2-1, 2. The Platinum Queen 7-4 fav. 3. Crispy Cat 7-1 8 ran. shd, 4/1, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4. CHIPSTEAD (F Larson) 13-2, 2. Call Me Ginger 20-1, 3. Count D'Orsay 7-1, 4. Nomadic Empire 12-1, 19 ran. 5-1 fav Whenthedeadlindsay (13th) 1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4. 245 1. COLTRANE (D Probert) 9-1, 2. Trueshan 2-9 fav 3. Lismore 22-1 6 ran. nk, shd. (A Balding) 3-20. 1. KINROSS (L Dettori) 5-6 fav; 2. New Energy 5-1, 3. AL Suhaib 9-2, 6 ran. 1, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4. ELDER ELDAROV (David Eggen) 9-2, 2. New London 11-8 fav 3. Giavelotto 28-1 9 ran. 1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4. 430 1. ATRIUM (W Buick) 5-1, 2. Empiresateofmind 17-2, 3. Arthur's Realm 7-1, 4. Bullace 18-1, 16 ran. 5-1 fav Tyrhenian Sea (5th) 1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4. 505 1. GOING GONE (P Cosgrave) 13-2, 2. Hms President 10-3, 3. Inchicore 11-4 fav. 10 ran. hd, 3/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4. Jackpot: £10,000.00. Placepot: £3250. Quadpot: £320. Place 6: £63.67. Place 5: £19.85.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE PLAY OFFS ROUND 1 Huddersfield (o) 0 Salford (16) 28 Salford: tries: Burgess, Watkins, Brierley, Ackers. Goals: Sneyd (6).

RUGBY UNION

GALLAGHER PREMIERSHIP Exeter (17) 24 Leicester (6) 20 London Irish (19) 45 Worcester (o) 14 Newcastle (17) 31 Harlequins (14) 40 Bristol (17) 31 Bath (16) 29 Gloucester (o) 27 Wasps (21) 21 Sale (10) 29 Northampton (5) 22 P W D L F A B Pts London Irish 1 1 0 0 45 14 1 5 Harlequins 1 1 0 0 40 31 1 5 Sale 1 1 0 0 29 22 1 5 Gloucester 1 1 0 0 27 21 1 5 Bristol 1 1 0 0 31 29 1 5 Exeter 1 1 0 0 24 20 0 4 Bath 1 0 0 1 29 31 1 1 Leicester 1 0 0 1 20 24 1 1 Wasps 1 0 0 1 21 27 1 1 Northampton 1 0 0 1 22 29 1 1 Newcastle 1 0 0 1 31 40 1 1 Saracens 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Worcester 1 0 0 1 14 45 0 0

TENNIS

US OPEN, NEW YORK: Women's Final: (1) SWIATEK (Pol) bt (5) O JABEUR (Tur) 6-2 7-6 (7-5).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

THIRD TEST MATCH—FINAL DAY OF FIVE: England v South Africa (The Kia Oval, 11am). LV COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - FIRST DIVISION—FIRST DAY OF FOUR, ALL 10:30AM: Northamptonshire v Surrey (Northampton), Warwickshire v Somerset (Edgbaston), Yorkshire v Essex (Headingly). SECOND DIVISION: Leicestershire v Durham (Grace Road), Middlesex v Glamorgan (Lord's), Sussex v Worcestershire (Hove).

Sporton TV



Cricket: South Africa v England

Sky Sports Cricket, 10.15am

Football: Empoli v Roma

BT Sport 1, 7.30pm

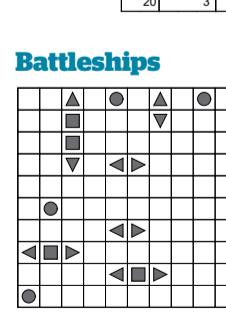
NFL: Seahawks v Broncos

Sky Sports NFL, 1am

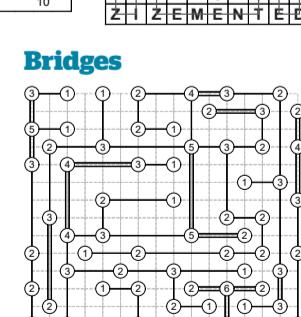
Knight's Tour



Battleships



Bridges



Word Search

Sport in brief**ATHLETICS****Purdue fifth as Obiri retains title**

Charlotte Purdue (left) was best of the Britons on an emotional day on Tyneside as she finished fifth in yesterday's Great North Run. Defending champion Hellen Obiri, of Kenya, held off Peres Jepchirchir and Almaz Ayana to retain her women's title in a time of 1 hour, seven minutes and 5 seconds.

In the men's race, world record holder Jacob Kiplimo became the first Ugandan man to win the event.

The 21-year-old, the reigning world half-marathon champion, left a world-class field in his wake and crossed the line in 59min 33sec – 66 seconds ahead of Olympic 10,000m champion Selemon Barega, with Ethiopia's Kenenisa Bekele third in 1:01.01.

FOOTBALL**Rangers v Napoli game postponed**

The Champions League game between club Rangers and Napoli has been rescheduled from tomorrow to Wednesday because of the limited police resources available following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, with away fans urged to stay away from the match.

Uefa said that the game has been pushed back by 24 hours because of a "severe limitations on police resources and organisational issues related to the ongoing events surrounding the national mourning" for the Queen.

The European governing body also said away fans would not be allowed in for the game. Rangers fans will also not be allowed to attend the return game in Naples "out of fairness," said Uefa.

CYCLING**Evenepoel's final push seals victory**

Belgium's Remco Evenepoel claimed the Vuelta a Espana title for his first Grand Tour triumph, capping a dominant three weeks with one last push in the final stage from Las Rozas to Madrid that was won by Juan Sebastian Molano.

The 22-year-old (above) had all but confirmed victory after holding off his nearest rival Enric Mas on Saturday's stage 20 and finished the job with ease as he rolled into the Spanish capital.

Mas of Movistar settled for second while UAE Team Emirates' Juan Ayuso completed the podium. Evenepoel is the first Belgian winner of a Grand Tour since Johan De Muynck at the 1978 Giro d'Italia.

RUGBY UNION

Homegrown stars shine as Sale go through gears to dismantle Saints

SALE

Tries Du Preez, L James, S James, O'Flaherty; Cons Du Preez (3); Pen Du Preez

29

NORTHAMPTON SAINTS

Tries Collins (2), Sleightholme; Cons Grayson (2); Pen Grayson

22

By Ross Heppenstall

AT AJ BELL STADIUM

Much has been made of Sale's spending power in recent seasons, which has harvested a glut of highly paid South African stars, but this was a victory where a homegrown heart pulsed loudly.

The pivotal contribution came near the hour-mark when full-back Luke James, 23, sauntered over the line, before his 28-year-old brother Sam, playing in the centres alongside fit-again England centre Manu Tuilagi, scored two minutes later.

The James brothers are Manchester lads who came through Sale's youth ranks, and with fellow academy graduates scrum-half Gus Warr, winger Tom Roebuck and captain Ben Curry also catching the eye, it was a pleasing afternoon's work for Alex Sanderson's side.

Warr opened the scoring and new recruit Tom O'Flaherty capped a lively debut with Sale's fourth try, before Northampton roused themselves to score three themselves to claim a losing bonus point.

Still, after claiming a maximum five-point haul, nothing could wipe the smile off Sanderson's face after this rearranged match, which was postponed from Friday following the death of the Queen.

"Most of that team were academy-

grown and is something which is lost, or maybe has been lost, in the modern game," said Sale's director of rugby.

"It's something that everyone is coming back to because of the salary cap. But we feel with the catchment area that we've got and the talent we've got coming through, we've probably lost a few decent players who we could have retained."

"There is a real drive that, if we've got them, we've got to keep hold of them. We've got to be able to create a pathway and then reward them, which is what we're trying to do."

The first half was a turgid affair. Sale, though, struck the first blow when Warr, deployed alongside Rob du Preez, collected a pass from Dan du Preez and scampered over.

As the second half unfolded, the James brothers took centre stage.

Luke James, who caught the eye at full-back, collected a long pass to saunter over unopposed inside the right channel in the 55th minute.

Two minutes later, Roebuck's feistiness created the space to find Sam James, who had a simple task to go over in the right corner.

O'Flaherty, who made a promising bow on the left wing following his arrival from Exeter, then pounced on a grubber kick to score Sale's fourth.

Phil Dowson's men fought back admirably with tries from full-back Tom Collins (2) and winger Ollie Sleightholme to salvage a losing bonus point.

Dowson said: "Sale were very clinical and, at 29-3 down, it looked ugly. But we showed great heart to come back and get a point."

But it was Sale's day and it left Sanderson optimistic about what might lie ahead this season.



'Togetherness of Worcester is the thing that is going to get us through'

Hugh Godwin

RUGBY UNION CORRESPONDENT



The journey to Brentford took you past advertising billboards bearing the image of the Queen. Before the match between London Irish and Worcester, which in other circumstances would have made for a raucous kick-off to a new Premiership season, all razzmatazz was removed. A minute's silence as the teams lined up on the pitch segued into a hesitant singing of the national anthem with its new words, "God Save the King".

Two coachloads of supporters came up from Worcester to see a team

team representing a club deep in debt, as its publicly discredited owners Colin Goldring and Jason Whittingham look for a buyer. The fans sat in the stand opposite the players' tunnel and waved a banner bearing a slogan, "#together". Twenty off-field staff had made their way by car. The players travelled on a coach borrowed from a school and paid for by club sponsor Adam Hewitt. Kit was carried in Hewitt's company van. The mood could not have been more different from Worcester's Premiership Rugby Cup final win at the same venue back in May.

Wearing last season's kit, with special dispensation from the Premiership not to have the names on the back to enable their reuse, Worces-

ter's lack of sharpness after no contact training or friendlies in pre-season was obvious in a stream of holding-on penalties in the first half. The fans cheered second-half scores by replacement hooker Curtis Langdon and full-back Jamie Shillcock but it was mostly a tough watch as hosts London Irish ran in seven tries for a 45-14 win.

This is a Worcester team who have won just seven matches in the league in the past two seasons. A pillar of their local community, but unable to date to crack the higher echelons of the Premiership.

The customary bonhomie in Steve Diamond (above), the Worcester director of rugby for the past six months, was showing some strain.



He said "allegedly... there may be some news of a potential investor" but he hadn't asked who it was. Jim O'Toole, the former Worcester chief executive who has said previously he has an American investor lined up, was at the match, and he sent Diamond a supportive text. Goldring and Whittingham were not present, to no one's surprise.

"The communication lines from the owners to me have been good," said Diamond, "but they are still in the mire of finding somebody to buy the club or to invest into it. We don't want a false dawn. There's not too many people want to put their hand in their pocket and buy rugby businesses. So if they have found somebody, great, and no doubt they'll speak to me and, you never know, they might not want me to stay around, which is up to them."

"In the trajectory of new Worcester, in my brain, getting out today was the most important thing because if we didn't fulfil a fixture today, we were out of it, we were f***ked, excuse my

RUGBY UNION

Inspired Rees-Zammit fires up Gloucester for a 21-point comeback

By Hugh Godwin

Rees-Zammit takes-off

This is the third straight season with the jeopardy of relegation removed from the Premiership, which might have contributed to an average of a whopping seven tries per match on opening weekend. The entertainment maxed out at Gloucester yesterday, as for only the second time in the league's history a team came back to win in normal time from being more than 20 points down at the break. Louis Rees-Zammit's (*below*) 80-metre try was the spark as Gloucester beat Wasps 27-21 at Kingsholm after trailing 21-0 at half-time.

**Annett's red rage**

Bath hooker Niall Annett is facing a ban after becoming possibly the first player in history to be sent off before making a competitive debut for his club. Annett played away to Jersey in pre-season after signing from Worcester but he was a substitute warming up behind the posts in the first half of Saturday's rearranged Premiership opener at Bristol when he ran to get involved in a touchline shoving match in the home side's 31-29 win. That was grounds for referee Tom Foley to show red, and Annett wrote on Twitter: "Just want to apologise to everyone associated with @BathRugby. Not how I saw my first game going and deeply embarrassed and disappointed in myself..." Bristol fly-half Callum Sheedy went to the sin bin in the same incident, and later slammed the match as "slow and boring", an implied criticism of Bath's approach under their new coach, Johann van Graan. The returning Bristol hero



Sale's Sam James crosses the whitewash at the AJ Bell Stadium yesterday PA

language. We managed to play the fixture – not very well, I may add – and we now need to get the second fixture. Because, [and] however much people don't like me talking like this, I don't think the other 12 [Premiership] clubs give a shit whether we're here or not."

Diamond said the England



Worcester's Ollie Lawrence said they were taking things one game at a time

Ellis Genge did his best to entertain a 22,000 crowd, with two tries on his comeback from Leicester – the first a spectacular 40-metre run.

Arundell is pure gold

London Irish head coach Les Kiss is fully on board the Henry Arundell bandwagon, which is justifiably up and running already. Kiss says the electrifying 19-year-old full-back, who scored on his Test debut in Australia in July, is not alone in England potential. Arundell came on early in the second half of the drubbing of Worcester, and within a minute was chasing a kick by Ollie Hassell-Collins and dotting it down the instant it reached the goalline. Arundell got a second try late on, and might have had another when he almost toed a ball into space. Kiss has been in regular touch with England attack coach Martin Gleeson, with Ollie Hassell-Collins and Tom Parton also in the conversation. Kiss said "I'd be inhuman if I didn't [get excited]. Everything he touches seems to turn to gold, a little bit."

Magic McGuigan

Newcastle hooker George McGuigan, scorer of 15 Premiership tries last season, was at it again with two catch-and-drive tries at home to Harlequins, while fellow scorers Adam Radwan and Nathan Earle showed off their remarkable sprint speed. But Quins won 40-31 with tries by Tyrone Green, Wilco Louw, George Head, Alex Dombrandt and Joe Marchant, although Green had another try chalked off by a forward pass confirmed by the television match official (TMO) – a facility not available in the rearranged matches at Bristol and Sale.

flanker Ted Hill and the Scotland wing Duhan van der Merwe and possibly the Argentina tighthead prop Santiago Medrano would be available when Exeter visit Sixways next Sunday, followed by Newcastle six days later. The question is how these home matches can properly go ahead with 10 of Worcester's staff still unpaid for the month of August, and local suppliers hacked off, awaiting settlement of invoices. Gloucester are creditors too, from a cancelled match last season, and they are due to host Worcester twice in the next three weeks, in the Premiership Cup and the league.

At the final whistle the players stood in a circle to be pepped up by Diamond and players Cameron Neild and Fergus Lee-Warner. Then they went to the touchlines to hug and thank the supporters. On the fans' bus ride home, some sang along to the old song by The Farm with new words: "All together now... in Diamond's land".

TENNIS



Iga Swiatek enjoys her first US Open title at Flushing Meadows GETTY

Winning titles 'easier' now warns Swiatek after US Open triumph

By Howard Fendrich

AT FLUSHING MEADOWS

Ahead of the US Open trophy ceremony, Iga Swiatek pulled on a white jacket with "IGA" written in black over her heart – the numeral replacing the "I" of her first name represents her No 1 ranking.

Above that were three gold stars to reflect her updated total of major championships: there's the one she won on Saturday at Flushing Meadows and the pair from the French Open in 2020 and this June (when her pullover sported two stars).

If Swiatek keeps playing and performing like this, if she manages to remain healthy and grounded, they are going to need to keep making new jackets for her.

Still just 21, yet already guaranteed a spot on the International Tennis Hall of Fame ballot five years after retirement, Swiatek is quickly establishing herself as a player no one wants to face. Especially in a final. Her 6-2, 7-6 victory over Ons Jabeur in Arthur Ashe Stadium gave Swiatek 10 consecutive triumphs in title matches, every one in straight sets.

Each of Swiatek's past three trips to New York had ended with third-round exits. She arrived with few expectations.

Plus, as big as her forehand is, as skilled a returner as she is – winning half of Saturday's 10 games served by Jabeur, who didn't face a single break point in the semi-finals – as speedy and full of anticipation as her get-to-every-ball court coverage is, it's Swiatek's ability to think her way through the crucible of a match that might be her most valuable ability.

"I'm proud that I have much more solutions and options on court than I had before, tennis-wise, but also mentally. I'm using these skills pretty well. I'm really proud of that, because I just know how it feels to not have ideas on court, not have anything you can change to make the match better," said Swiatek, the first Polish tennis player to win a Grand Slam singles title.

"Right now, it's been a long time

since I didn't have any idea. So that's great. It shows that I'm actually doing progress."

Swiatek has won seven titles in 2022. She's shown she can win on the red clay of Roland Garros and on the hard courts, and amid the hubbub, of Flushing Meadows.

"I feel like she improved a lot from last year until the beginning of this year," Jabeur said. "She's, I think, working on a lot of things that get in her way."

So there is little reason to diminish her chances on hard courts at the Australian Open, where she made it to the semi-finals in January, or even on the grass at Wimbledon, even if she hasn't been beyond the fourth round there.

Asked what she's most excited about as she thinks about the future, Swiatek said she wants to see how, or whether, anything will be different now.

There will be more attention on her. There will be more away-from-tennis distractions.

"I'm going to see how I'm going to react," she said. "Winning the US Open is different than winning a slam in Europe or in Australia, because I don't know how the popularity thing is going to change, if it's going to change."

Then, with her latest trophy sitting in front of her, Swiatek offered this thought: "For now, I'm kind of going to observe and learn. For the future, I know I still have a lot to improve on court. That's something that I'm excited for, because maybe it's just going to get easier to play these matches."

Easier? Look out.

Swiatek said this championship showed her "the sky's the limit".

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CRICKET THIRD TEST

England's win delayed as boos ring out for bad light

SOUTH AFRICA
Stokes 3-39, Broad 3-45 **118 & 169**

ENGLAND
Crawley 97 no **158 & 97-0**

Chris Stocks

AT THE OVAL



It's just as well South Africa chose not to delay their flight home by 24 hours given they are set to lose this deciding Test emphatically in little more than two days of cricket when the players go through the formality of England sealing victory this morning.

The delay to the start of this third and final Test, bad weather wiping out day one and the second abandoned as a mark of respect to the Queen, had reduced the chances of a positive result.

Yet we probably should have known the extra day requested by the England & Wales Cricket Board to the South Africans wouldn't be needed after both the first two Tests ended inside three days.

In the end South Africa refused and so it became a battle between Bazball and the tourists' will not to lose this contest and with it the series as they looked for valuable points in the race to reach next summer's World Test Championship final.

The draw was pretty much taken off the table by a crazy first day in which South Africa were routed for 118 and 17 wickets fell in total.

Another 13 followed on this de-facto second day, with England fighting back after seeing their first-innings lead restricted to 40 when they were bowled out for 158. South Africa had a theoretical chance to take charge of this match.

But anybody who has seen their flimsy batting line-up this summer wouldn't have been surprised to see them skittled for 168 in their second innings - setting Ben Stokes's team a target of 130 to take the series 2-1 and end a restorative summer with a sixth win from seven Tests.

England were disappointed bad light scuppered their chance of pulling off only the second two-day Test win in this country in the past 101 years. OK, so this was technically day four but this would have been a win inside two days of cricket - a suitably rare

feat. They looked like pulling it off, too, as Zak Crawley (*below*) reached his maiden half-century of the summer, racing to 50 in 36 balls.

But the lack of common sense shown by the umpires means England, who had both openers dropped, will need just 33 on the final morning to finish off the job.

In keeping with the fast-forward nature of this bizarre contest, England lost their final three first-innings wickets in the first 16 balls of the day. After resuming on 154 for 7, a lead of 36, they added just four more to that overnight advantage.

It wasn't quite a one-innings shootout, England were ahead after all, but it was certainly closer than it should have been given the hosts lost their final six wickets for just 29 runs.

South Africa ensured some doubt might start creeping into English minds when their openers, led by captain Dean Elgar, knocked off the deficit inside nine overs. Only the intervention of Stokes, removing Erwee in the 16th over of the innings, ensured England had a wicket by lunch.

Things changed markedly during an afternoon session in which six wickets fell for 76 runs as South Africa limped into tea on 146 for 7, a lead of 106.

The highlight of the session was Stuart Broad trapping Elgar lbw, erroneously as Hawk-Eye later showed after the South Africa captain refused to review.

It meant Broad moved past Australia's Glenn McGrath onto 564 Test wickets and into fifth on the all-time list.

James Anderson, the only seamer above him, then took his 666th Test wicket when Keegan Petersen edged to fourth slip as South Africa lost their fourth wicket. Broad, Robinson (twice) and Stokes then all struck before tea as England took complete control.

Robinson in particular was excellent, following up his first-innings five-for with two more as he took his career Test wickets to 51 at an average of 19.80.

South Africa had tried to frustrate England but they were all out for 169 as Stokes, Broad and Anderson finished off the tail.

With 35 overs still to play, the only thing standing between England and victory inside two days was the light. Unfortunately, common sense didn't prevail as the umpires took the players off to the very vocal disapproval of the crowd.

Bazball rules Five key moments



Big Ben strikes
After South Africa wiped off the 40-run deficit and left England frustrated for 15 overs, Ben Stokes stepped up and made the breakthrough in three balls.

'We are disappointed that we did not get the chance to finish it'

By David Charlesworth
AT THE OVAL

James Anderson called for more "common sense" from umpires as England were kept waiting for a Test series triumph over South Africa despite needing just 33 runs for victory.

While Anderson had some sympathy for the officials, who have the ultimate say over the light and set a precedent 24 hours earlier, Anderson said: "In certain

situations you do think common sense could come into play."

Long-time team-mate Stuart Broad was similarly irked by the decision to come off in the evening gloom, denying England the chance to claim a 2-1 series win after two days of play in this decider, with Thursday washed out and Friday called off as a mark of respect following the death of the Queen.

Broad said: "We're naturally disappointed and frustrated. Leesy

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England have won five of their six completed Test matches this summer

from day three at the Oval against South Africa



Stu-pendous error from Elgar
Stuart Broad moved past Aussie great Glenn McGrath and on to 564 Test wickets when he pinned Dean Elgar lbw. Elgar would have survived had he reviewed.



Totally stoked
Marco Jansen was given a life on four when he edged a Stokes no-ball to fourth slip (pictured), but there was no reprieve when England's captain bowled him later.



Robinson ends Proteas' go-slow
South Africa's soporific fifth-wicket stand of 25, spanning 14.2 overs, was ended by Ollie Robinson, who bowled Wiaan Mulder for his 50th Test wicket.

Lees hit the last ball of the day through the covers for four and he was seeing it fine. We're frustrated

[Alex Lees] hit the last ball of the day through the covers for four and was seeing it fine.

"I do understand the other side of it, that it would be unfair on South Africa if it rained all day [on Monday] and we'd carried on just to finish the game. But as a changing room we're frustrated."

Dean Elgar became the 564th Test wicket of Broad, who has overtaken Australia great Glenn McGrath.

Broad is now into the top five in the all-time list of Test wicket-takers and only team-mate and great friend Anderson is ahead of him among fast bowlers with 666 dismissals.

Broad said: "I saw Jimmy got his 564th on September 11 four years



Pace bowler Stuart Broad celebrates taking Dean Elgar lbw - his 564th Test wicket for England

Lucky Lees
England were thankful Alex Lees was dropped off the first ball of their chase. Lees also narrowly avoided a run out on three and could have been caught for 12.

ago so that was quite funny.

"Glenn McGrath's a hero of mine and the reason I wanted to become a bowler, I used to imitate him in the garden. It's incredible to be up there in that sort of company."

"It's really special to have joined Jimmy as a one-two with him being a great mate and someone who I've shared a fantastic partnership with for a long time."

While England's seamers shared the wickets – with three each for Broad and Ben Stokes and two apiece for Anderson and Ollie Robinson – it was their veteran pair who got the ball rolling for the hosts.

They show no sign of heading off into the sunset, with Broad admitting the 2023 Ashes is in his sights after being rejuvenated by the leadership of Test captain Stokes and head coach Brendon McCullum.

Broad added: "It's been an incredible summer. The mindset Stokes and McCullum have brought to our changing room and to Test cricket has been so refreshing."

Comment

Fans seize opportunity for calm reflection after ECB makes right call

By Chris Stocks

While the crowds continued to gather outside Buckingham Palace, three days after the Queen's death, two miles away at The Oval there was a sense of near-normality as England took on South Africa in the final Test of the summer.

Yet this wasn't business as usual. Indeed, nothing was really normal – not the occasion, not the cricket, nor the atmosphere.

For this was an extraordinary Test match, in every sense, being played in extraordinary times. It came as a surprise to many that it went ahead at all following the Queen's passing on Thursday. After all, when it was announced on Friday that all league football was postponed for the weekend, most thought the England & Wales Cricket Board would follow suit.

Yet the ECB thought long and hard and came to the right decision, with the tone perfect from the moment both teams walked out to near silence on Saturday morning and the first rendition of "God Save The King" at a sporting event in more than 70 years was sung in an emotionally-charged, rousing atmosphere.

The ECB and England's players, led by captain Ben Stokes, said they wanted to play this Test in honour of the Queen. And they certainly put on a show worthy of Royal approval.

It's just a shame the umpires couldn't show some common sense over the issue of light and give the crowd what they wanted – a result inside two days.

One measure of just how enduring Queen Elizabeth II had been and the impact,

subconscious or otherwise, she has had on generations of people in this country, is the fact that 86 per cent of all Test matches ever played came during her reign. It's a remarkable statistic.

There was less emotion and gravitas around the ground yesterday, notionally this deciding Test's fourth day but in reality its second following the washout on Thursday and the decision not to play on Friday out of respect for the Queen.

However, there were signs that this was a match taking place in unprecedented times, with the players still wearing black armbands, the hoardings around the boundary carrying a tribute to the Queen rather than adverts, and the electronic scoreboards in plain black and white.

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The flag that sits atop the pavilion at The Oval was also brought back to half-mast at 1pm, in line with the Royal protocol that decreed it was raised at 10am the preceding morning to mark the formal accession of King Charles III.

Cricket has got things right this weekend – if we disregard the anti-climactic end to this fourth day – with many pointing out that the sense of communal reflection and celebration enjoyed by those at The Oval was an opportunity that has been missed by football.

Yet maybe we shouldn't have been so surprised. After all, the last time we were in a situation like this, back in 1952, following the death of King George VI on the first day of England's Test against India in Chennai, the match continued after a day's pause. England went on to lose by an innings, handing India their first Test win.

It is certainly going to be a much better result for them here and will provide a fitting end to an extraordinary few days.



Play continued but the union flag remained at half-mast at the Oval GETTY



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Crowds watch the hearse carrying the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II, draped in the Royal Standard of Scotland, as it is driven down High Street in Edinburgh towards the Palace of Holyroodhouse yesterday OLI SCARFF/AFP